

Exiles: A Study in 1 Peter

Week 7: Suffering for Good | Teacher: Libin Abraham Sermon Questions for 10.31.2021

Opener

We sang *Graves into Gardens* that has a line that says "Lord, nothing is better than you!" Take a few moments to share with each other things that you love/value/appreciate with the thought in mind - these may be great and good, but there's nothing better than Jesus!

Read

1 Peter 3:13-22; Acts 10:38; Matthew 5:10; 1 Peter 4:12-14; Hebrews 6:19-20; Hebrews 2:4; Romans 8:18

Main Points

- 1. Be eager to do good.
- 2. Be willing to suffer.
- 3. Be gripped by hope.

Engage with God in a Group

- Share a story of someone who suffered/was persecuted for their faith that has inspired you? What about it resonates with you the most?
- How does knowing Jesus as our hope inform and change how we respond to challenges and difficulties?
- What does it mean for you that hope is an "anchor" for our souls (Hebrews 6:19-20)? How have you experienced this in your own life?
- Would your absence leave a void of goodness in your community, in the relationships you have, in your sphere of influence?

Bottom Line

We can endure through suffering, because Jesus is our hope and he has endured for us.