

## Getting Started

1. What is the most suffering you have endured? What was the cause?
2. What area of your life is easiest to give to God? Which is the most difficult?
3. Do you live out the gospel in your relationships?
4. What insight, principle, or observation from this weekend's sermon did you find to be most helpful, eye-opening, or troubling? Explain.

## Digging Deeper

### 5. Heidelberg Catechism Q&A 86:

**Q. Since we have been delivered from our misery by grace through Christ without any merit of our own, why then should we do good works?**

A. Because Christ, having redeemed us by his blood, is also restoring us by his Spirit into his image, so that with our whole lives we may show that we are thankful to God for his benefits,<sup>1</sup> so that he may be praised through us,<sup>2</sup> so that we may be assured of our faith by its fruits,<sup>3</sup> and so that by our godly living our neighbors may be won over to Christ.<sup>4</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Rom. 6:13; 12:1-2; 1 Pet. 2:5-10 <sup>2</sup> Matt. 5:16; 1 Cor. 6:19-20 <sup>3</sup> Matt. 7:17-18; Gal. 5:22-24; 2 Pet. 1:10-11 <sup>4</sup> Matt. 5:14-16; Rom. 14:17-19; 1 Pet. 2:12; 3:1-2

How is your conduct winning people over to Christ?

6. Compare 1 Peter 3:1-7 with Ephesians 5:22-33. Are these two passages saying the same thing, or do they each have a different focus?
7. Read Galatians 5:22-24 and 1 Peter 3:3-4. What is the value of working on our inner being and growing the fruits of the Spirit?
8. Read Matthew 26:57-68; 27:24-50. How much did Jesus suffer physically on your behalf? Do you ever consider what he went through for you?

## Application

9. Over the last three weeks we have looked at what it means to be a follower of Jesus Christ. We know that we will suffer, have challenges and may face persecution. God is faithful and he calls us to be faithful as well. We are to live out our faith every day for God's glory. Peter specifically talks about the marriage relationship here, but we are all called to live our faith every day for God. How are you serving God in your relationships?

## Bible Reading Questions

October 10 – Matthew 5-7 – This is Jesus’ longest teaching, what draws you in? What speaks to you?

October 11 – Matthew 9; Luke 7 – Why is Jesus’ authority mentioned so frequently?

October 12 – Matthew 11 – Jesus says that there are those who heard and see, but do not believe. Why would they not believe? Do we have a similar problem today?

October 13 – Luke 11 – Jesus teaches the Lord's Prayer and then teaches on requests to God. How are we to make requests of God?

October 14 – Matthew 13; Luke 8 – Are there any differences between Matthew’s parables and Luke’s?

October 15 – Mark 4-5 – Why didn't the disciples understand who Jesus was?

October 16 – Matthew 10 – Jesus calls the disciples and shortly thereafter sends them out. Why does he send them out right away with little to no training?

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### Common Problems

#### “Inviting Existence”

Likewise, wives, be subject to your own husbands, so that even if some do not obey the word, they may be won without a word by the conduct of their wives...Likewise, husbands, live with your wives in an understanding way, showing honor to the woman as the weaker vessel, since they are heirs with you of the grace of life, so that your prayers may not be hindered.

1 Peter 3:1, 7

- **Christ died so that we might die to \_\_\_\_\_ and live to \_\_\_\_\_.**
  
- **Husband and wives should live out the \_\_\_\_\_ in their \_\_\_\_\_.**

Topics: Marriage, conduct, evangelism