



Session 1

Title: Focus in the Midst of Hostility

Passage: 1 Peter 3:13-17

1. In a hostile world, focus on blessing over fear (13-14)
2. In a hostile world, focus on speaking over silence. (15b)
3. In a hostile world, focus on doing good over receiving bad. (16-17)
4. In a hostile world, focus on Jesus as Lord. (15a)

Discussion Questions:

1. How do you do at focusing? Do you tend to be more distractable, a multi-tasker, or one task at a time?
2. Has there ever been a time in your life where things were so chaotic that it was tough to know what to focus on? What was going on and what did you do?
3. Read V. 13-14 What blessings can we focus on to help overcome fear? Why is suffering a blessing?
4. Read V. 15 What tends to get in the way of speaking about the hope we have? What could it look like for us to more consistently “speak” about our hope?
5. Read V. 16-17 What makes it hard to focus on doing good when we’re facing hostility? Do you have a place where God’s called you to “do good?”
6. Read V. 15 Everything we’ve talked about comes from the truth that Jesus is Lord, and he gets to dictate what we focus on. How did Jesus model for us the exact behaviors he wants us to live out?