

Being Christian in a Hostile World Sermon Series

Week Five (10/24/21): How Shall We Then Live

Our postmodern culture often revolves around possessions, power, and purpose, all of which can be interpreted in a way that can be hostile to our faith. One way to combat this hostility is to shift our thinking to be biblically centered, finish-line oriented, and evangelistically focused.

Scripture Text: 2 Peter 3:1-2, 10-12

Sermon Points:

1. Postmodern culture rejects truth to embrace a lie
2. The three lies of Postmodernity center around Possessions, Power, and Purpose, interpreting each in a way that is hostile to our faith
3. We can respond to this hostility in one of four ways: fight, flight, freeze, faithful
4. Living faithfully begins with “wholesome” thinking that embodies being Biblically centered, finish-line oriented, and evangelistically focused.

Discussion Question Options:

- When life was simpler for you as a kid, what kind of issues proved difficult to figure out what was objective truth? These days, how has this grown deeper or more complex?
- Can you speak to your experience with deceptions about possessions, power, or purpose? (*Review: Possessions make me happy, chasing goals of prosperity and convenience / I am in charge of my life, anything that restricts my freedom is bad / Life has no intrinsic value, so I myself determine my significance and purpose*)
- Is your instinctive, knee-jerk response to cultural hostility to fight back and conquer it, to retreat to a closed cultural environment you can control, or to hide within the cultural climate and blend in?
- Review 2 Peter 3:10-12. Share how you plan to focus on living for God’s coming Kingdom this week, and pray for one another.