

LIVING HOPE: Studies in I Peter
"Sharing Hope"
(I Peter 3:13-16)

QUESTIONS FOR STUDY AND DISCUSSION

1. Before you became a Christian, do you remember anyone personally sharing their faith with you? Were you led to faith in Christ by someone sharing their faith with you? What has been your experience in sharing your faith with others?
2. I Peter 3:13-18 is set in the context of living in a hostile world as a believer. Yet, Peter calls us not to respond in silence. How does Peter call us not to respond in verse 14? What does he call us to do in verse 15? What does it mean to "sanctify Christ as Lord in our hearts"? How is this helpful in not being afraid to speak for Christ?
3. In verse 15, Peter tells us to be ready to give a defense for the hope in us. How can we prepare ourselves for this? Read (1) 1 Corinthians 15:1-7; (2) 1 Corinthians 15:8-10; 1 Timothy 1:15-16; (3) Colossians 4:3; (4) John 4:7-15 and (5) John 4:34-36. Some of the ways we can prepare ourselves to speak of Christ are having a burden for the lost, understanding the Gospel, prayer, giving our testimony and building a bridge to an unbeliever. Match up the preceding five passages with these ways of being ready.
4. With the following outline, consider how you might share your faith.

The Gospel in Four Truths

1. *God* - (Triangle)
 1. He is our creator - there is meaning
 2. He offers eternal life as a gift
2. *Us* - (Stick Figure)
 1. We are created in His image and responsible
 2. We have rebelled in our heart (sin)
3. *Christ* (Cross)
 1. Jesus Christ is fully God and fully man - bridge
 2. He died on the cross to pay the penalty of sin
4. *Heart* (Heart)
 1. I must respond in faith to have eternal life
5. It is very important the manner in which we share our faith. 1 Peter 3:16 and 17 gives three particular ways we should reflect Christlikeness in sharing our faith? What are these three ways? Can you give a particular example of how these can be practiced?
6. Prayer is the foundation for all evangelism. Will you write down the name of a particular unbeliever to pray for on a regular basis?

I. *Sharing Hope*

II. *Five Principles of Sharing God's Hope*

1. *We share God's hope when we have a loving burden for those who _____ hope.*
2. *We share God's hope when we take the _____ God places before us.*
3. *We share God's hope when we bear testimony with our _____.*
4. *We share God's hope when we speak of _____ .*
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 2. I must respond in repentance to have eternal life
 2. Seasoned with Salt
 3. The Reason Why

5. *We share God's hope when we sanctify Christ as _____ of our heart.*