

Our Simple Message

1 Peter 3:18-22 Discussion Questions

1. The first part of our simple message is the death of Jesus (see 1 Peter 3:18). Peter is encouraging churches who are suffering as he mentions Jesus “also suffered.” However, he also suggests several ways Jesus’ suffering is different from our suffering. What are some ways His suffering is different from our suffering?
2. Why is it important we continually return to and talk about the death of Jesus? This message of Jesus dying on the cross as our substitute is simple and it is good news for us. Why do so many people have problems with this teaching?
3. The second part of our simple message is the exaltation of Jesus. The exaltation includes several key events beginning with the resurrection. Why is the resurrection of Jesus significant to our faith? While we are familiar with the resurrection of Jesus, we usually don’t talk as much about the ascension of Christ or the session of Christ (when He was seated at God’s right hand). Why are the ascension and session of Christ significant to our faith?
4. We talked about how the resurrection, ascension, session, and Pentecost event (Acts 2:32-33) changed the disciples so that they went from being afraid to being bold. Even while Jesus was on earth with the disciples they were unfaithful and scared. But when He was physically gone from them (but reigning as King) they were confident and faithful. Explain why these key events changed them. In what ways should these events change us?
5. The third aspect of our simple message is our response. In 1 Peter 3:21 he mentions baptism as one way we should respond. What do we learn about baptism from this passage? Why should we value baptism and get baptized?
6. We know that getting wet in the water doesn’t save us. Faith in Christ is what saves us, and baptism is a picture of that saving faith. How would you explain to someone what it means to trust in Christ and become a Christian? How would you explain our simple message to a friend?