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#### ORCHARD ROAD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

# BIBLE FOR ALL (BFA) MATERIAL

FOR SMALL GROUPS DISCUSSION

# 1 Peter – The Call to Faith as God's People

#### Sermon Series

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# 06 Sep 2020 1 Peter 3:13-22

# The Devotion of God's People to Christ

"When the going gets tough, the tough get going." Does this describe your attitude towards difficult situations?

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1.	Read 1 Peter 3:13-17. What does Peter mean when he says that the believers are blessed even if they suffer for what is right?
2.	Read Isaiah 8:8-18. What are Israel's instructions here? (Consider both the "do not" and the "do" instructions.) How does this help explain 1 Peter 3:14b-17?
3.	Read 1 Peter 3:18. How was Christ an example and encouragement for the believers who were suffering?
4.	Read Genesis 6:9-22 and 1 Peter 3:19-20.  (a) How long did Noah take to build the ark? (Consider Genesis 5:32, 7:6 and 11:10)
	(b) How do you think Noah's neighbours would have viewed his activity in this time, and how do you think Noah must have responded to them? (Consider how God describes Noah in Genesis 7:1.)
	(c) Why is God described as waiting patiently while the ark was being built in 1 Peter 3:20? What was God waiting patiently for?
	(d) How was Noah an example of 1 Peter 3:15-17?

5. Read 1 Peter 3:21-22. What does Peter say baptism is about here? What is it not about?
APPLICATION 6. What gives us the strength to stay faithful to God and obey Him while experiencing difficulties? What does obedience to God look like where you are now?
REFLECTION  Write down a key lesson that you have learnt from this study.
What is a key verse that you would like to take to heart?
<ul> <li>As believers, we are blessed even if we are suffering (and hence do not appear blessed to unbelievers). Our external circumstances have no bearing on our status before God.</li> <li>God is our ultimate Judge of our lives, not the standards of the world around us.</li> <li>Jesus' example is a source of encouragement for us to stay faithful while suffering as witnesses for him</li> </ul>

# 13 Sep 2020 1 Peter 4:1-11

# The Vigilance of God's People

We all have role-models in our lives whose lives we imitate. Who has been such a role-model for us? How have our lives been shaped by these people?

## **OBSERVATION AND INTERPRETATION**

1.	Read 1 Peter 4:1-6.  (a) Peter tells the believers to "arm yourselves also with the same attitude." What attitude is this?
	(b) What reasons does he give for telling the believers to do this? (Protip: look for words like "since," "for," or "because.")
2.	Peter acknowledges in vv.3-6 that those around the believers see the believers as acting strangely resulting in them mocking the believers. What does Peter say about these unbelievers who are mocking the believers?
3.	Read 1 Peter 4:7. Why should the believers be clear minded and self-controlled? What is the purpose of being clear minded and self-controlled?
4.	Read 1 Peter 4:8. Why does Peter say that the believers should love? What importance does he give to love, and why?
5.	Read 1 Peter 4:9-11.  (a) What hospitality is Peter asking the believers to offer? (Consider vv.10-11.)
	(b) Why would that (Q.5a) possibly result in grumbling?
	(c) Why would the willing hospitality of the believers (in the various forms it takes) bring glory to God through Jesus Christ?

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6.	What situations have you faced (or are currently facing) where the people around you mock you when you choose not to join them in behaviours that do not reflect Christ?
7.	To show hospitality without grumbling involves both loving each other and being clear minded and self-controlled. How will you show hospitality to one another without grumbling in the weeks ahead?
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#### **DISCIPLESHIP POINTERS**

- Christ is the ultimate role model for us in Christian living.
- Christian discipleship involves both a passive "not-doing" of sin and an active "doing" of Christlike behaviours
- Each Christian is a representative of God living in Christlikeness brings glory to God.

## 20 Sep 2020

#### 1 Peter 4:12-19

## The Faith of God's People in Suffering

When was the last time you told someone (including yourself) to rejoice because they were experiencing difficulties?

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1.	Read 1 Peter 4:12. Why does Peter tell the believers that suffering is expected, and not "something strange?" (See also 1 Peter 4:1-6.)
2.	Read 1 Peter 4:13. How should the believers respond to suffering? Why?
3.	Read 1 Peter 4:14-16.  (a) What is the result of being "insulted because of the name of Christ?" What would qualify as such insult?
	(b) Why would being "insulted because of the name of Christ" mean that the believer is blessed?
	(c) Why would a believer praise God while suffering for being a Christian?
4.	Read 1 Peter 4:17-18. How does Peter comfort the believers?

#### **APPLICATION**

6. What difficulties are we going through because of our faith? Are we able to rejoice in these?

5. Read 1 Peter 4:19. What does Peter conclude that believers should do?

7.	What habits or routines can we build into our lives so that we can intentionally rejoice in all circumstances that we experience?
8.	How can we support, encourage, and pray for the suffering church around the world, in light of this text?
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What	is a key verse that you would like to take to heart?
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•	enables us to live differently from the world Suffering for our faith is a cause for joy and praise, not for shame We should persevere in our faith, continuing to do God's will, even while suffering

# 27 Sep 2020 1 Peter 5:1-14

# The Community of God's People

How would you encourage someone who gets burnt out while leading a group of believers? And how would you encourage someone who is experiencing difficulties while trying to stay faithful to the gospel?

1. Read 1 Peter 5:1. What does Peter base his appeal to the elders on? Why do you think he does

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	this?
2.	Read 1 Peter 5:2-4. What should motivate the elders to serve? What impact would their motivation have on how they serve?
3.	Read 1 Peter 5:5-7.  (a) What are the young required to do? What is everyone required to do?
	(b) What reason is given for all to be humble? What does Peter say humility means?
4.	Read 1 Peter 5:8-9.  (a) How are the believers to resist the devil? What does that look like in practice?
	(b) What encouragement do they have as they do this? How is this an encouragement?
5.	Read 1 Peter 5:10-11. What comfort does Peter offer the believers here? What is the comfort rooted in?

6.	Read 1 Peter 5:12-14.  (a) What is the message that Peter has written to the believers? (Consider the whole of 1 Peter.)
	(b) How is Peter's message an encouragement and testimony to the true grace of God?
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	What are some ways in which you can support, encourage, and pray for the "elders" (i.e. those who are serving as overseers of any sort) within our church?
8.	What does humility towards God and towards others look like in our positions today? If you are "younger": consider also who you should be submitting to, and in what way.
9.	Reflect upon the whole message of 1 Peter. What is one major learning point for you over the past two months?
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DISCIF	PLESHIP POINTERS
•	Stand fast in the true grace of God, and continue to persevere in our Christian discipleship God is sovereign – the suffering we go through for the sake of the faith is not in vain, and will also come to an end