

1 Peter 2:24 – 25

Experiencing Victory in a Hostile World

“... a primer for winning the war that really matters”

Our Model in the Midst of Suffering (Part 2)

Round-table Questions / Exercises

Choose a leader at your table to play the role of facilitator for the following questions.

Please be prepared to share with the larger group...

1. If you were here last week, share a few insights about what you learned about Jesus being our model in our suffering?
2. Read 1 Peter 2:24-25. Why did Jesus “bear our sins on the cross”?
3. Read Isaiah 53:5. What does Peter mean when he says that “by His wounds we were healed”?
4. What are some of the aspects you can draw from Peter’s analogy of us being “sheep” and Jesus being our “Shepherd”?
5. What significance do you see from Jesus being the “Guardian of our souls”?
6. What application can you make as a result of these two analogies to your life?

Today's Learning Objectives:

That we commit to follow of an example of what biblical submission looks like before we encounter daunting situations in our lives so we will navigate them in such a way that God is pleased and He gets the glory.

1 Peter 2:24-25

24 and He Himself bore our sins in His body on the cross, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness; for by His wounds you were healed. 25 For you were continually straying like sheep, but now you have returned to the Shepherd and Guardian of your souls.

Our _____ in Suffering (24)

“and He Himself bore our sins in His body on the cross, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness; for by His wounds you were healed.”

- Verse 24 expresses the reality of Jesus substitutionary death on my behalf (Mark 10:45; Romans 5:8; Ephesians 5:2)
 - “Redemption” - The voluntary, substitutional act of which Jesus Christ paid with His own blood to purchase us out of our former life of forced slavery to sin, who's sting (consequences) is death, into volitional obedience to God (freedom), who's gift is eternal life (Galatians 3:13; 2 Corinthians 5:21; 1 Peter 3:18)
 - “Justification” - The legal and formal acquittal and pardon from guilt by God as judge - It is pronouncing the sinner / transgressor righteous who trusts / believes on / in the Lord Jesus Christ (Romans 3:24; 5:1, 9, 18)
 - “Reconciliation” - The act of God to make friends with mankind again by taking away the hostility through the blood of Christ (Romans 5:10; 1 Cor 7:11; 2 Cor 5:8, 20; Col 1:22)
 - “Propitiation” - Our deliverance from the wrath of God on sin by Jesus Christ's blood-spilling work on the cross (Hebrews 2:17; 1 John 2:2; 4:10)

- “*He Himself*” (Isaiah 53:4-5, 11)
 - This stresses that Jesus died _____ and without _____ (John 10:15, 17-18)
 - He was the only _____ sacrifice for the sins of all who would ever believe (John 1:29; 3:16; 1 Timothy 2:5-6; 4:10 Hebrews 2:9, 17)
- “*Bore our sins in His body on the cross*” means to carry a gigantic, heavy weight of _____
 - This weight is so “_____” that Paul says “*the whole of creation groans and suffers*” under it (Romans 8:22)
 - Only _____ could remove such a immense weight from the backs of those who He elects (Hebrews 9:28)
- “*that we might die to sin and live to righteousness*” (Romans 6:3-11)
 - “*might die*”
 - Not the normal word for “_____” and is only used here in the Scriptures
 - Means “*to be _____ from, depart, be missing, or to cease to exist*”
 - Jesus died to separate us from the penalty of sin, so that it can never again _____ us
 - Our guilt has been “*nailed to the cross*” and Jesus has paid our debt in _____ (Colossians 2:12-14)
 - We have been delivered from sin’s dominating _____ and are now able to “*live to righteousness*” (Romans 6:16-22)
- “*for by His wounds you were healed.*” (Isaiah 53:5)
 - “*wounds*”
 - These “*wounds*” referred to the suffering which brought His _____ on our behalf for our sins
 - Isaiah is not saying that the actual suffering or scourging of Jesus produced salvation

- “you were healed”
 - This “healing” is _____ and of our souls today
 - But, one day this will also be _____ (Romans 8:22-25; 13:11)

Our _____ through Suffering (25)

“For you were continually straying like sheep, but now you have returned to the Shepherd and Guardian of your souls” (Isaiah 53:6)

- *“For you were continually straying like sheep”*
 - Describes through analogy the wayward, lost, purposeless, dangerous, and helpless wandering of _____ (Matthew 9:36)
- *“but now you have returned”*
 - Meant to describe the process of “turning around” or _____ from our sin and pursuing Jesus instead
- *“to the Shepherd and Guardian of your souls”*
 - *“Shepherd”*
 - The analogy of God as our Shepherd is both a familiar and a rich theme in the Scriptures (1 Peter 5:4)
 - Jesus identified Himself as _____ when He took the divine title and named Himself the “good Shepherd” (John 10:11, 14)
 - It is an appropriate title for Jesus because it conveys His _____ as feeder, leader, protector, cleanser and restorer of His flock
 - It is also an appropriate analogy of us to be sheep in that we are stupid, gullible, dirty, defenseless and _____ to _____
 - *“Guardian”*
 - Usually translated as “_____” or “_____” which, along with “Shepherd” describes the responsibility of “pastors” or “elders” (1 Peter 5:2)

- In Summary
 - By His death and resurrection on our behalf, Jesus became the Shepherd and Guardian of our eternal _____
 - Even though we continually _____, He is fully vested in and has promised that He will bring us _____
_____!
 - In His suffering, Jesus became our _____to follow... let us decide today that we will follow in His footsteps!!!