Series: Living Hope
Passage: 1 Peter 4:1-6
Sunday: September 24, 2023

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1 Peter 4:1-6 (ESV)

4 Since therefore Christ suffered in the flesh, arm yourselves with the same way of thinking, for whoever has suffered in the flesh has ceased from sin, **2** so as to live for the rest of the time in the flesh no longer for human passions but for the will of God. **3** For the time that is past suffices for doing what the Gentiles want to do, living in sensuality, passions, drunkenness, orgies, drinking parties, and lawless idolatry. **4** With respect to this they are surprised when you do not join them in the same flood of debauchery, and they malign you; **5** but they will give account to him who is ready to judge the living and the dead. **6** For this is why the gospel was preached even to those who are dead, that though judged in the flesh the way people are, they might live in the spirit the way God does.

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1. When have you had a renewed sense of clarity and purpose in following Jesus? How was suffering involved in that realization?

2. Why are followers of Jesus to turn away from the behaviors and attitudes of their former lives (verses 1-4)?

3. What does it mean to arm yourself with the same way of thinking as Jesus?

4. You may have never engaged in the sort of activities that Peter describes in verse 3. But, how specifically has Jesus rearranged your priorities and values?

5. Have you ever faced a situation like the one in verse 4? If so, how did you deal with it?

6. The first part of verse 6 can be puzzling. What does Peter mean by “the gospel was preached even to those who are dead”?

7. How does this scripture point to the <u>living</u> <u>hope</u> of Jesus?