

SERMON MESSAGE FOR MARCH 30/31, 2019

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PILGRIM

Sharing Hope Along the Pathway

1 Peter 3:13-15 (p. 1034)

THE PRINCIPLE → We _____ about what we _____.

OUR CHALLENGE → Show God's love by _____ today
for someone not yet saved. (Matt. 5:16)

1. Be _____ (3:14)

2. Be _____ (3:15; John 13:35)

3. Be _____ (3:15)

4. Be _____ (3:15)

THE INSIGHT → _____ makes any messenger
_____. (Rom. 2:4; Col. 4:6)



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FROM MARCH 30/31, 2019 SERMON DISCUSSION QUESTIONS FOR SERMON-BASED LIFE GROUPS

Personal preparation: Read the passage, review your outline, and think through the questions. With your group, watch the video blog together.

CONNECTING

1. What are some of the major fears that you feel motivate people today? How does following Jesus as your Lord free you from these fears?

GROWING

2. The Main Principle from the message was, "We talk about what we love."

- How have you found that this applies to sharing your faith? Or does it not really apply?

- As you have grown to love Him more, have you found yourself sharing your faith more? Why or why not?

3. Which of the four challenges from Peter do you find to be most natural for you/the easiest for you to do without a lot of work or effort? Why? Which one(s) do you need to work on and strengthen? Why?

SHARING

4. Share the name of one person you would like to do a good deed for this week. What kind of a good deed do you have in mind?

Pilgrim Week 13 Memory Verse

"Instead, you must worship Christ as Lord of your life. And if someone asks about your hope as a believer, always be ready to explain it."

1 Peter 3:15 (NLT)

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(For Scripture references and fill-in the blanks)

"For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor any other created thing, will be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord." Romans 8:38-39

THE PRINCIPLE: We **talk** about what we **love**.

"It is not primarily out of compassion for humanity that we share our faith or pray for the lost; it is first of all, love for God." John Piper

OUR CHALLENGE: Show God's love by **doing a good deed** today for someone not yet saved. (Matt. 5:16)

"Let your light shine before men in such a way that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father who is in heaven." Matthew 5:16

1. Be **courageous** (3:14)
2. Be **committed** (3:15; John 13:35)

"By this all men will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another." John 13:35

3. Be **ready** (3:15)
4. Be **respectful** (3:15)

"There are two basic reasons people don't know Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior. 1) They have never met a Christian. 2) They have met a Christian." Pastor Rick Warren

THE INSIGHT: **Arrogance** makes any messenger **offensive**. (Rom. 2:4; Col. 4:6)

"... not knowing that the kindness of God leads you to repentance?" Romans 2:4

"Let your speech always be with grace, as though seasoned with salt, so that you will know how you should respond to each person." Colossians 4:6

*Are we weak and heavy laden, cumbered with a load of care?
Precious Savior still our refuge — Take it to the Lord in prayer.
Do thy friends despise, forsake thee? Take it to the Lord in prayer.
In His arms He'll take and shield thee. Thou wilt find a solace there.*