Reflecting The Gospel In The World And The Church

Reflecting The Gospel In The World And The Church

Timothy Berg / Youth Group

I Peter / Suffering; Gospel; Holiness; Hospitality; Spiritual Gifts; Service; Teaching; Preaching / 1 Peter 4:1–11

Peter spells out what it means to live out the Gospel of Christ's Resurrection and its call to suffer in the world, and what it means to let that Gospel shape how believers behave towards one another. Big Idea - The victory Christ has won in his death and resurrection (c.f. 3:18) is the power by which we can choose to suffer ridicule on account of our holy lifestyle in the world (4:1-6), and the power by which we can humbly use our gifts to serve one another in the Church (4:7-11).

Reflecting The Gospel By Suffering In The World (4:1-6)

Arm Yourselves with the Gospel, Choosing to Suffer Rather than Sin (4:1-2).

Expect that the World will Abuse you for Pursuing Holiness (4:3-4). Trust that God's Judgement will One Day Vindicate the Holy (4:5-6).

Reflecting The Gospel By Serving In The Church (4:7-11)

Screw your Head on Straight and Pray Well Because the New Age Is Here (4:7).

Persist in Love for One Another that Lets Go of Personal Wrongs (4:8). Show Hospitality without Complaint (4:9).

Use Your Spiritual Gifts to Serve One Another (4:10-11a-b).

Some have Speaking gifts - they should speak God's words (4:11a)

Some have Serving gifts - they should serve in God's strength (4:11b)

Do All to the Glory of God (4:11c).