



A PASSION FOR LIFE...

Session 4

Sharing Hope in Today's World

Let us hold unswervingly
to the hope we profess,
for he who promised
is faithful.

Hebrews 10:23 (NIV)

Questions

1. Did the pandemic present you with any unique opportunities to talk sensitively about your faith with someone else?
2. Can you think of a time when suffering in your own life or in the life of someone you know was made bearable because of the hope you have in Christ?
3. Why do you think it might be helpful for unbelievers to see that Christians also suffer?
4. How does the analogy of the boat help us in thinking about how we can journey with people who are experiencing suffering?
5. How does knowing that Jesus chose to experience suffering in order to save us, help us in our own suffering and help us to explain the gospel to others?

Further Bible Reflection

Jeremy talked about the value of reading the Psalms to someone else as a means of sharing hope.

Read Psalm 27.

Context: This is a psalm of David, one of the many he wrote in the midst of hard times and seeking deliverance from his enemies.

Commentary: We learn of David's hope in this Psalm. His confidence is in his God (verses 1-3) and as he meditates upon the relationship he enjoys with God (verses 4-6) and calls out to God (verses 7-12) his hope is strengthened, so much that he is able to encourage others (verses 13,14).

Comment: As you study this psalm make note of the verses that speak to you the most and inspire confidence and hope within you. Reflect on how great it would be for the not-yet-Christians in your lives to know this hope as well.

Take Home

Why not re-watch the video with a notebook open, praying that God will root these principles into your heart. Watch here:

apassionforlife.org.uk/lc4-view

Spend time reflecting on how God has helped you in times of suffering or through the challenges of the pandemic. You may find it helpful to journal about it. Get clear on how you could communicate your experience to people that don't yet know Jesus.

Prayer

- Thank God for His great mercy that has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Christ Jesus (1 Peter 1:3)
- Pray for any people who are experiencing personal suffering that come to mind.
- Ask God to help us be more open about our vulnerabilities as well as more compassionate and willing to journey with people and sensitively share the hope Jesus offers.

Notes