

1 Peter : Confidence in the Gospel.

Session Fourteen.

Read 1 Peter 3: 13-17

Watch the devotional which accompanies this passage.

Icebreaker.

Why do you think courtroom dramas are so popular on the television? Have you ever done jury service and, if so, was it anything like the television programmes?

Discussion Questions.

1. Peter encourages his readers not to be frightened (v14).
In what ways might fear have been an issue for them? What areas of Christian discipleship cause you to feel fearful?
2. What reasons for hope might Peter's readers have? What has he said already in the letter to give them grounds for hope? How would you reply to someone who asked you why you were so hopeful?
3. What lessons can we learn from Peter about how we should share our faith? Why is this important?
4. If you were asked by a friend to give a reasoned account of your faith, what things would you include as evidence?
5. What. In your experience, is the best way of keeping a clear conscience?

Prayer.

Pray for the people on your frontline, asking God that he would give you the opportunity to be a good witness to them.

Some Background.

"The original Greek word for "give an answer" is apologia. It has the sense of a defence lawyer speaking on a client's behalf. From this word we get the term "apologetics" which is used to refer to the way Christians handle questions and defend their faith."

Andrew Whitman.

In your experience, what are the most frequently asked questions about Christianity and how might you attempt to answer them?