



Following Christ in Faithful Witness

This week we pause our study in Revelation and gather as one body of believers from across the city of Chicago. We are reminded that God's call to be salt and light is not given for us to be isolated from this world. In 1 Peter 2, we are described as living stones being built together into a spiritual house. We are a chosen priesthood, meant to declare God's glory and excellencies to a watching world. Revelation gives us that picture of a united people bearing witness to Jesus under his reign. Christ suffered faithfully for us, leaving an example that calls his people to endure suffering and live as visible witnesses.

Text questions

Read 1 Peter 2:21, Philippians 2:5-10, Hebrews 12:1-3

1. According to 1 Peter 2:21, why were believers called?
2. What does Peter say Christ did *for us* before he speaks of Christ as an example?
3. What does it mean to "follow in his steps"?
4. How does the context of unjust suffering (1 Peter 2:18-20) shape the meaning of this verse?
5. How does Christ model how we are to follow him? (Philippians 2:5-10)
6. How are we to run the race to a watching world?
(Hebrews 12:1-3)

Reflection and application

1. Why do we often want the benefits of Christ without the path Christ walked?
2. Where are you most tempted to avoid suffering or discomfort for the sake of faithfulness?
3. What fears or hesitations surface when you consider following Christ's example publicly?
4. In those moments of fear or uncertainty what lies are you believing?
5. How does the Gospel speak truth into your fears and uncomfortable situations?
6. What does it look like to follow Christ's steps when you are misunderstood, overlooked, or treated unfairly?
7. How does Revelation 1 present Jesus as both the suffering witness and the reigning King?
8. In what ways does our faithfulness reflect Christ to others? (1 Peter 2:12)
9. How does Christ's resurrection and reign encourage perseverance? (Revelation 1)
10. Where do you sense Christ inviting you to follow more closely this week?
11. What is one situation where you want to respond with Christlike patience instead of self-protection?
12. How can this group pray for endurance, courage, and faithfulness?