

## Please Mind the Gap

Sermon 4 (06/06/2021) | I Peter 4:12-5:14

**Title: Caring for life's journeys**

Theme: Our new identity brings hope.

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Key Verse 1 Peter 2:9 **But you are a \_\_\_\_\_, a \_\_\_\_\_, a \_\_\_\_\_, a \_\_\_\_\_, God's \_\_\_\_\_, that you may \_\_\_\_\_ of him who called you \_\_\_\_\_ into his \_\_\_\_\_.**

### Suffering (I Peter 4:12-19)

1. Suffering should be e \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 4:12)
2. We can r \_\_\_\_\_ in suffering (v. 4:13)
3. Suffering brings s \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 4:14-18)
4. Suffering s \_\_\_\_\_ our commitment to God (v. 4:19)

### Preparation (I Peter 5:1-9)

1. In light of the coming suffering, Peter gave some i \_\_\_\_\_ for how to prepare.
2. How to become a trusted, faithful, and m \_\_\_\_\_ Christ-follower who can help others grow spiritually.
  - a. Get to k \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus in a real personal way (v.5:1)
  - b. Know Jesus as Shepherd and be a s \_\_\_\_\_ of those God gives you (v. 5:2)
  - c. Have a w \_\_\_\_\_ heart to serve the Lord (v. 5:2)
  - d. When a n \_\_\_\_\_ arises, be willing to step in (v. 5:2)
  - e. A \_\_\_\_\_ the opportunity for training in small things (v. 5:3)
  - f. Have a h \_\_\_\_\_ heart (v. 5:3)
  - g. Put into p \_\_\_\_\_ the things you are learning (v. 5:3)
3. Advice for those who are y \_\_\_\_\_ in the Lord (v. 5:5-9)

### Hope (I Peter 5:10-14)

1. We have great h \_\_\_\_\_ in God
2. Being a Christ-follower will c \_\_\_\_\_ your identity?

## Questions for Thought and Discussion

1. What is a key point you want to remember from the book of 1<sup>st</sup> Peter?
2. How can there be joy in suffering?
3. What is a next step for you to take in becoming a trusted, faithful, mature Christ-follower who can help others grow spiritually?
4. How does knowing that you are a chosen person, a royal priest, part of a holy nation and a special possession of God help provide hope in your life?

Key Verse: 1 Peter 2:9 ***But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light.***