Alderwood Community Church September 17, 2017

Prepare to Live in a Hostile World

Hope: Confidence When Facing Hostility **1 Peter 4:1-6** (Page 1202-1203 or 1223 in chair Bible)

Big Idea: Don't fear living in a hostile world, God will have the last word.

1) As a follower of Jesus you will suffer for your faith in some way (v.1b-4).

2) Arm yourself with the perspective that suffering as a follower of Christ is inevitable (v.1).

3) You can rest assured that God will have the last word (v.5-6).

So what?

Sermon Questions:

1. Can you share a time when you suffered as a Christian – either when you became a Christian or because you are a Christian?

2. Where do you feel pressure in your life to pursue evil and waste your life (v.3)?

3. Are people around you ever "surprised" that you don't do certain things they consider natural or normal for everyone (v.4)? Why are they surprised?

4. What is Peter's encouragement (v.5) to us when we are tempted to give in to the pressures we feel from those around us? What difference do his words make to you personally?

5. Based on Christ's sufferings, what should our attitude to suffering look like?

6. How would you describe your attitude toward the possibility of suffering for Christ?