

Setting Direction.

Vision & Mission studies

ARPC Mission Equip

Key verse: 1 Peter 4:1

Therefore, since Christ suffered in his body, arm yourselves also with the same attitude, because he who has suffered in his body is done with sin.



Big Idea: To Equip with Christ is us teaching each other about the life death and resurrection of Jesus and encouraging each other with our gifts for God's glory.

Kick Off

Explain what needs to happen for someone to be able to bake a cake or build a computer.

What are the steps involved and what is crucial for success?

Or

Discuss the following:- "***You don't have to interpret the Bible; just read it and do what it says.***" Do you agree or disagree?

STUDY

Read 1 Peter 4:1-11.

1. Do you think the NIV's heading "Living for God" is a good summary of the main point of this section?
2. Peter says v1, we're to 'arm ourselves'... what does he mean by this? And how are we to do it?
3. How has God equipped his church v10?
4. How is the church to equip its members?

From vv2-6 Peter makes it fairly clear he is writing to converted pagans. We may not have been converted from such a radical past but even so as some point the Lord brought us across from death to life by the power of his Spirit in new birth. And our ongoing fight is against the old nature with its evil desires.

5. Peter mentions in a whole list of things we are to be focusing on in vv7-9. What are they and how would doing these things help us be better equipped as Christians?

6. Why is there no room for pride and arrogance among Christians who have the ability to equip other Christians vv10, 11?

THINK AND APPLY

An effective Christian Church 'arms' itself with a Christ like attitude for service. This 'arming' or equipping aspect of church life is vital for health and growth. Consider what areas you have been gifted in and consider how you are or could use you're giftedness for the equipping of ARPC.

Consider how our church operates. What things enhance your desire to be effectively equipping the church and what things are not helpful?

PRAYER

What can you pray about arising from this study?



**For next week
Read
John 13:1-17**