



One 2021: wk 2 Disoriented

Introduction: Sometimes we have expectations when we come to Jesus and those expectations and the realities, we encounter are not the same. When that happens, we can feel disoriented. Peter writes to us about what to orient ourselves around as we live in a world that isn't home yet.

Discussion Questions

1. Have you ever been really lost or confused as to where you were? Or have you ever had brain fog or a concussion...something where they asked you orienting questions? What questions do they ask and why do they ask them?
2. Name some things that you would say are your identity?
3. **Read 1 Peter 1:1-12** If you read it in the ESV there are 3 terms used (elect exiles of the dispersion). Explain your understanding of each of those terms?
4. Peter says both that they are guarded by God and that they may have to suffer for a time. How do those things work together?
5. **Read Matthew 14:30** Peter doesn't write about his walking on water experience, but how does it illustrate the competition between things the world wants us to use as our identity and the identity that God gives us?
6. What things have you experienced or witnessed others experience, that showed that their expectations of Jesus and the reality they experienced caused them to lose hope or faith?
7. How can community help us when we suffer? Has anyone come alongside you in difficult circumstances and helped your faith?

Shaping Your Mind – *Though you have not seen him, you love him. Though you do not now see him, you believe in him and rejoice with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory, ⁹ obtaining the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls. 1 Peter 1:8-9*

Moving Forward – "...if there is a God great enough to merit your anger over the suffering you witness or endure, then there is a God great enough to have reasons for allowing it that you can't detect." – Tim Keller