Session 9:

How Do I Share My Faith? Did Jesus Preach A Revival In Hell?

Understanding 1 Peter 3:19

Using the example of Christ to share the message of Christ

Sharing the faith should not be a chore or stressful experience. Christ's death helps take the fear and stress out of sharing the gospel because Christ went to the depths of hell to share the faith. Christ shows how we can go to the worst places and yet the Gospel still has the power to move forward.

> [18] *For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh but made alive by the Spirit,* [19] *in which he also went and made proclamation to the spirits in prison* [20] *who in the past were disobedient, when God patiently waited in the days of Noah while the ark was being prepared. In it a few — that is, eight people — were saved through water.*

Why did Christ preach a revival in hell? Two viewpoints to consider while trying to understand 1 Peter 3:19.

1. The first is that the spirits in prison were _____ waiting on final judgment (Genesis 6).
2. The next viewpoint is that the spirits were _____ from Noah's day who died as a result of not believing Noah's claim.

These two show us the two extremes of _____ and _____ which give us the parameter on how we are to share our faith.

How do we share our faith?

First, before we can begin to share our faith we have to understand that it is not our job to bring _____ or grant _____, but our job is to simply _____ _____ regardless of….

I. **How you feel** (v.18)
   a. The focus here is how Christ lived a _____ life, but yet suffered a _____ death and the pain of crucifixion did not stop the gospel from going forward.
II. **Where people are** (v.19)
   a. _____ and _____
      i. Why would Jesus go to hell and preach when the world was at hand? Why not concentrate on those who still had the chance to accept the

message? The physical and spiritual condition matter to Christ so that also has to matter to us as we share the faith.

III. **What people say** (v.20)
   a. The example here is the life and times of Noah and how those in Noah's day didn't take heed of this warning and ultimately perished because they _____ . Noah never stopped his mission regardless of what people said of his calling to present the faith to God's people.