

Christ Church sermon questions 10 November 2019

Finding freedom and peace - 1 Peter 3:8-15a

1. Warm-up: Are the people of the UK living in freedom? How would you define freedom?

Read 1 Peter 3:8-15a.

2. Psalm 34:12-16. Think about the phrase 'whoever would love life and seek good days'. What picture does it give you? What do you think it means?

3. James 3:1-12. The tongue is a powerful weapon for harm. Discuss.

3. Can you think of any situations that have escalated because you didn't guard your tongue? If you feel able, share them.

4. The tongue is a powerful tool for peace. Can you think of any situations when you have brought 'healing' to a situation through what you have said? If you feel able, share them.

5. Why do you think the psalmist, Peter and James, and therefore God, are so concerned about what comes out of our mouths? *Other references: Ephesians 4:29, Proverbs 10:19, 15:4, 21:23, 26:20, Psalm 141:3, Matthew 15:11 and there are more.*

6. Controversial question! Some might say: "The church is quicker to condemn those who commit sexual sin than those who find it difficult to follow the Bible's teaching on the tongue, despite the many verses on the matter." Do you agree? Why, how, should we as individuals and as a church respond?