

Scripture: 1 Peter 3:13–16; John 1:43–46

1. Josh talked about the spotlight effect, our tendency to overestimate how much other people notice or judge us. Where do you see that playing out in your own life?

2. Why do you think inviting someone to church can feel so much more personal or intimidating than inviting them to almost anything else?

3. Read 1 Peter 3:13–16. What stands out to you about Peter's instructions for how Christians should live and interact with people who may not share their beliefs?

4. We will do good. What does it look like to live in a way that makes the message of Jesus more credible to the people around us?

5. Josh said, “We don't get to call every criticism persecution.” How can we recognize the difference between criticism that should lead us to change and criticism we need to endure faithfully?

6. We will follow Jesus. Peter tells believers to revere Christ as Lord rather than be controlled by fear. What fears or concerns about other people's opinions sometimes influence how openly you live out your faith?

7. CrossWinds seeks to be a community where people can stay in relationship even when they disagree. Why is that difficult, and what might it communicate about Jesus when we do it well?

8. We will offer hope. Peter says to share our hope with gentleness and respect. How might that change the way we approach conversations with people who are skeptical of Christianity or have been hurt by the church?

9. In John 1, Philip responds to Nathanael's skepticism with a simple invitation: “Come and see.” What can we learn from Philip about the difference between inviting someone to encounter Jesus and trying to convince them to agree with us?

10. Think about someone you care about who could use hope or community right now. What is one intentional step you could take this week to demonstrate Jesus' love or invite them into a meaningful conversation?