

8. How do you respond to the directives given here to slaves (18-20)?

9. Scholars believe that Peter may be quoting an early Christian hymn in verses 22-25. Peter uses this section as an illustration and example for us. Take a moment to discuss what we are to learn from Christ's example?

10. Was there a key point from the message that you would like to discuss, or expand upon?

Personal Reflection

1. Do you personally struggle with some of the key themes in this study? Which one is more difficult for you and why?

2. Looking over your life to date, have you grown the most in the good times or the difficult times?

3. What changes do you need to make based on what you've learned in this study?

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This Week's Message

In this message we begin to discover the practical implications of Peter's teachings thus far. What does it mean to live as a believer in light of a culture that is adamantly against you?

Our natural reaction to opposition is to fight back and to stand up for ourselves. It seems like the most plausible way of making a point about what we stand for. But in this message we look at a characteristic that is a great point of tension for believers, yet when resolved, serves as a powerful witness to others.

Study - Based on 1 Peter 2:13-25

1. What concept, mentioned at the beginning of the message is considered one of the most complicated ones for believers to embrace and understand? Give some reasons why?
2. How does Peter begin this section (13a)? How should this affect the way we understand what follows?
3. What does Peter say is "God's will?" (15) How does this help us to understand the importance of our lives as a witness?

In the message there were 2 words that begin with "S" that were stated as two of the more difficult words in our vocabulary. Give each as well as the points given. Take time to discuss them.

4. S _____
 - a. _____
 - b. _____
 - c. _____
5. S _____
 - a. _____
 - b. _____
 - c. _____
6. How can believers show respect for governments and authorities even when we think they are wrong?
7. What are the practical implications of believers "doing good" and "behaving well?"