



8. How does this passage help us to understand the difference between “knowing the truth” and “doing the truth?”

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

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1 Peter 3:13-17

Personal Reflection

1. Do you have a lot of experience in sharing your faith? If not, what holds you back?
2. What changes, based on this study, do you need to make?
3. Reflect on the principle of suffering in this passage. Have you learned something here that you wish you knew the last time you were going through a difficult time?
4. Is there something that you need to add to your prayers in light of what you are learning in 1 Peter?

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Life Group Study Notes Stand Sermon Series based on 1 Peter

This Week's Message

The message this week gives guidelines on how we are to live in the midst of a culture that is hostile towards us. Even though we may suffer persecution, God expects us to react in a particular way.

Study - Based on 1 Peter 3:13-17

Note: In last week's message we concluded a segment of the book that dealt with the topic of submission, particularly in the context of a husband and wife. I have taken the time to write some further thoughts on the principles of mutual submission on our blog. Simply go to our website and click on Pastor's Corner (in the main menu or in the bottom right of the main page). Both 1 Peter 3:1-7 and Ephesians 5:21-33 are two of the most abused passages in all of Scripture so felt the need to give you the theological foundations for mutual submission.

1. Begin by reviewing the three key questions that 1 Peter helps us to answer and discuss what you've learned so far?

Who are we?
What do we believe?
Why do we believe it?

2. This segment revolves around suffering (13-15a, 17). What counsel does Peter offer for those who are suffering?
3. What is the purpose of suffering according to this passage?

4. How does "worshipping Christ as Lord of your life," help you to endure suffering?
5. What is the significance of verse 15, particularly the concept of hope? How does hope as expressed here serve as a way to witness about our faith?
6. How important is our personal stories to showing people about the Christian faith?
7. How do we react in order to make a difference? Three keys were given during the message. Name them and discuss them. Take time to talk about your experiences, and possibly the struggles you have with these? (Additional references have been given)
 - a. _____ (1 Peter 3:16; Prov 15:1; 25:15; Matt 11:29-30; 2 Tim 2:24-25)
 - b. _____ (1 Peter 3:16; Prov 21:4; 26:12; Daniel 1-6)
 - c. _____ (1 Peter 3:16; 2:11-12; 3:1-2; Phil 2:15; James 4:1)