



LIFE GROUP STUDY

LIVING WITH SUFFERING

1 Peter 3:8-22

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1. What insight, principle, or observation from this message did you find to be the most helpful, eye-opening, or troubling? Explain.
2. Have you ever personally experienced or witnessed persecution for your faith in Jesus. Keep in mind that there are degrees of persecution and suffering.
3. When it comes to persecution, is there anything that you personally fear?
4. In verse 8, what attitudes in the midst of suffering does Peter describe?

How would you explain what each of these mean?

What could each of these attitudes look like in your life?
5. In verses 9 to 11, what actions in the midst of suffering does Peter describe?

How would you explain what each of these mean?

What could each of these actions look like in your life?
6. In the midst of persecution and suffering what would it be like for you to live the way Peter describes?

7. In verses 14 to 17 Peter describes the believer's appropriate response to persecution. What responses does he describe?

How would you describe each of these responses?

What would that look like for you to respond to persecution this way?

8. Being "*prepared to make a defense*" (verse 15) in one sense means that we should be ready to verbally explain why we believe what we believe. And yet, Peter includes this response while describing a particular kind of consistent Godly lifestyle that draws the attention of unbelievers. Why do you think Peter does that?

9. How might your life draw attention the attention of unbelievers to the hope that is within you?

10. In verses 13 to 18 how does Peter describe Jesus?

Why do you think Peter describes Jesus this way?

How could Peter's description be an encouragement to you in the midst of suffering?

11. Sunday's sermon ended with a series of questions challenging us to consider how we are living our lives. Three of those questions are given below. Assuming we would all say "Yes!" to each, what is more challenging is to consider how we are actually doing in living as those questions suggest. On a scale of 1 to 10 (1 being "*I am in serious trouble.*" And, 10 being "*I've got this nailed.*") where would you rate yourself? Where do you think others would rate you? What could you do to move closer to a 10?

Will you live righteous? YES! How are you living righteous?

Will you live ready? YES! How are you living ready?

Will you live focused on Jesus? YES! How are you living focused on Jesus?