

Reflection Questions October 26, 2025 Gospel-Shaped Community 1 Peter 3:8-12

In a world longing for genuine connection, the Christian community stands apart as a place shaped by the transformative power of the gospel. Peter's letter reminds us that our faith is not just a private belief, but a call to live differently together—marked by unity, compassion, and humility.

Reflection Questions:

- 1. How does understanding God's holiness change the way you view your own sin, even the sins you might consider minor or insignificant?
- 2. In what ways have you experienced the difference between digital connection and genuine Christian community, especially in light of the isolation many faced during the pandemic?
- 3. What practical steps can you take this week to cultivate unity of mind, sympathy, brotherly love, a tender heart, and a humble mind within your church community?
- 4. How does the example of Christ emptying Himself and becoming a servant challenge your own attitudes about humility and putting others before yourself?
- 5. When was the last time you found it difficult to bless someone who reviled or cursed you, and what does this reveal about where you are drawing your sense of self-worth?
- 6. How has the modern concept of empathy been twisted to avoid speaking truth in love, and how can we practice biblical sympathy without compromising God's truth?
- 7. What prevents you from sharing your struggles and pain with your church community, and how might opening up lead to deeper spiritual growth and sanctification?
- 8. What would it look like for you to pursue peace and turn away from evil in a specific relationship or situation you are currently facing?