



1 Peter 3:8-12

Getting Started

What is the greatest blessing you have ever received from God? Why was it so special to you?

Discussion

What stood out to you from this past weekend's sermon?

Peter begins v. 8 by saying "finally". What is he summing up? Talk about the themes of this section of the letter.

Talk through the 5 characteristics of Christian community found in v. 8. Which stands out to you personally and why?

In verses 10-12, Peter is quoting from Ps. 34:12-16. How does the context and content of Ps. 34 help us understand Peter's purpose for using it in our passage?

What does God promise in verse 10-12 that is greater than "getting even" by repaying evil for evil? Does this mean Christians on earth will have much blessing?

As you go

Are there any relationships in your life where you have not pursued peace but have instead further instigated the friction in the relationship? Take time to pray about how you might pursue peace in those relationships as far as it depends on you, for "blessed are the peacemakers for they shall be called sons of God" (Matt. 5:9).

Prayer

Pray for any needs anyone has and share any ways that God has shown up in your life.

Pray for broken relationships amongst your group. Pray that the Holy Spirit would touch and bring healing to pain points from those relationships. Pray that the Holy Spirit would give you specific guidance toward your role in seeing forgiveness, healing, and possible reconciliation come about.

