Sermon series: 1 Peter; Thriving as Exiles **Seaside Community Church**
Message # 11 **1 Peter 3:13-22** **October 9, 2022**

Thriving as Exiles

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Next week: 1 Peter 4:1-11

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Growth Group Questions

1. Was there something from Tom's message on Sunday that stood out to you?

2. Read 1 Peter 3:13-18 in The Message. Is our lifestyle prompting people to ask questions about how we are living? Why would Peter remind us to respond in a gentle and respectful way? What is the difference between simply being polite, and truly being a person of peace?

3. Verse 20 talks about the patience of God in the time of Noah. How can we live patiently with ourselves, with other individuals, with the community, etc?

4. In verse 15, the readers are given the advice to be prepared to give an answer for the reason they have hope. The implication behind this is that the hope of followers of Christ will cause them to stand out in some compelling way, prompting others to be curious about them. How is having a well defined purpose important to this? How can we focus more on understanding our purpose and less on simply saying the “right things”?

5. Proverbs 26:4-5 gives what seems to be contrasting advice. What can we learn about knowing our audience when we decide how to answer? We see Jesus respond to “fools" in different ways. Two examples are found in Mark 11:27-33 and Matthew 15:21-28. Read those stories and discuss the differences in Jesus’ response. Think about how the context of each of these conversations helps us understand the difference in Jesus’ response.

6. What modern evangelism techniques do more harm than good and why? Read Romans 2:1-4 What does that passage say about God’s way?