

BLOOM: In Your Story

1 Peter 3:13-18

Life Group Discussion Questions:

1. On a scale of 1 to 10 (10 being nerves of steel), how good would you say you are at controlling your temper? Discuss a time you regretted responding in anger or fear.
2. **Read 1 Peter 1:3.** What has God given us? How does biblical hope differ from wishful thinking? How does this living hope impact our lives today?
3. What are some practical ways you can pursue a life that reflects the living hope of Christ?
4. **Read 1 Peter 3:13 and Romans 8:31.** In view of Peter's rhetorical question in verse 13 and Paul's question in Romans 8:31, who can evade the sovereign Lord in an effort to harm you? How does placing our hope in Christ impact our fears?
5. **Read 1 Peter 3:14-15 and Psalms 23:4.** What did Peter say was the result of suffering for what is right? Discuss having the expectation and confidence that, regardless of the circumstances, Christ will fulfill his promises.
6. What action does Peter say we should take to replace fear with hope?
7. What did Peter instruct his readers to be prepared for? How were these readers to give the reason for their hope in Christ?
8. **Read 1 Peter 3:16-18.** Why are believers to keep a clear conscience? When is it all right to suffer and when is it a waste? What does Peter say about Christ's death?
9. How does Christ's example of suffering to "bring us to God" inspire us to trust and hope in God when we suffer?
10. When are you tempted to return evil with evil and insult with insult? Why? How can you be better prepared for discussions about Christ with non-Christian friends?