

# Something Greater

THE BOOK OF 1 PETER

## A Greater Compassion

### 1 Peter 3:8-22

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Questions for Study and Group Discussion

*\*\* Before you begin, please read 1 Peter 3:8-22*

1. Icebreaker: Share an example of a time when you've seen someone who was sinned against respond with kindness and forgiveness.
2. 1 Peter 3:8-22 is sprinkled with commands Peter gives, showing followers of Jesus how they should act in practical ways. Practice careful observation of these verses, and make a list of the commands Peter provides.
3. Do any of these commands catch you off guard, or stand out in a special way to you? Why?
4. Peter also shares WHY these commands matter. Throughout the passage, he provides a number of "so that" or "for" statements, indicating what obedience results in and/or why it's important. (For e.g., in 3:9 Peter says to "repay evil with blessing...so that you may inherit a blessing.") Go back through the passage again, this time making a list of these "so that" or "for" statements where Peter explains some reasoning for the commands.
5. Which of these "so that" or "for" statements stands out to you the most? Why?
6. Is Peter saying that if we obey these commands, our lives will be easy? Explain your answer. What is the ultimate "blessing" (3:9) he has in mind?
7. "Jesus has defeated the devil and announced his victory over the demonic realm [see vv.19-20]. How does knowing this help Christians (including you) to face unjust suffering?"
8. Re-read verses 8-9 out loud as a group. How can you apply this "greater compassion" in your life this week?
9. What other questions do you have about this passage that haven't yet come up and that you'd like to discuss?
10. What is your biggest take-away from what you've discussed so far? Why did this stand out to you the way it did?
11. **Challenge:** Identify one way this passage is challenging or encouraging you. Who can you tell about what you're learning this coming week?
12. **Challenge: Memorize 1 Peter 3:8-9:** 8 Finally, all of you, be like-minded, be sympathetic, love one another, be compassionate and humble. 9 Do not repay evil with evil or insult with insult. On the contrary, repay evil with blessing, because to this you were called so that you may inherit a blessing.

*\*\* Question #7 taken from Juan Sanchez, 1 Peter for You. The Good Book Company, p. 138.*