

Marks of Maturity

I Peter 3:13–17

1. An Eagerness to _____
I Peter 3:13
2. A Willingness to _____
I Peter 3:14
3. A Devotion to _____
I Peter 3:15a
4. A Readiness to Defend _____
I Peter 3:15b
5. A Pure _____
I Peter 3:16

Our Response:



We are glad you have joined us today to worship. We want you to know that we have prayerfully planned this time together and that we do “church” on purpose.

Our mission is to **reach** people with the gospel message of Jesus Christ, **teach** people to become devoted disciples of His, **equip** people for acts of service, and **send** them into ministry.

As you join us today, we ask that you, also be intentional in your worship of God and purposefully focus on your relationship with Him.

God Bless you as we follow Him together. — Dr. Steven A. Crane

Group Questions

Opening: What do people in our culture fear the most?
In what kinds of things do they hope?

Read 1 Peter 3:13–17

1. What does it mean to be “zealous for what is good?”
To what degree would that phrase characterize your daily life?
2. Read 1 Peter 1:14–15, 22, 2:1, 11–12, 13–14, 17, 3:8–9. In what ways has Peter called Christians to do good in his letter so far?
3. Does doing good always translate into recognition or reward or an easy life?
Share a time in your life when doing good resulted in hardship or harm.
How should we respond when doing good doesn’t work out the way we think it should?
4. What does Peter say about suffering for righteousness sake?
In what ways might a believer be blessed as a result of righteous suffering?
5. How does honoring Christ relate to doing good and suffering for righteousness’ sake?
Read 1 Peter 2:21–23. How does the example of Christ help you to do good and suffer for righteousness?
6. How does the hope you have in Jesus affect your everyday life, so that people become curious?
What would you say if someone asked you why you hope in Jesus?
7. How important is it to be gentle and respectful as we share our faith in Jesus?
What happens if we are not gentle and respectful?
How important is having a good conscience to our witness?

Next Steps

- I will honor Christ as Lord.
- I will look for opportunities to do good.
- I will live a life of hope, even in difficult times, and be ready to share the basis of my hope with others.
- I will let gentleness and respect characterize my life.