

## Life Group Questions - 1 Peter 3:13-17 – *A Reason For Hope*

### UNDERSTANDING THE PASSAGE

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1. *Main Idea of the Passage:* In our suffering our hope in Christ is proclaimed to a watching world.

#### Outline

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1. Suffer for righteousness' sake (vv. 13–14a)
2. Have no fear but fear the Lord (vv. 14b–15a)
3. Be prepared to make a defense (vv. 15b–16a)
4. Conduct matters (vv. 16b–17)

#### Gospel Centrality

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1. 1 Peter 3:18 - Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit.

### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

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#### Warming Up

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1. What was the last evangelistic opportunity you had? How did it go?

#### Letting the Text Shape our Framework

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1. Does your salvation still create wonder in you? Do you think this affects the way you talk about Jesus with others?
2. Why is embracing suffering intrinsic to the identity of a Christian?
3. Have you considered that your weakness and your suffering could be your greatest evangelistic tools? If so, how has God used this to reveal Himself to other who are also suffering?
4. Why is the gospel offensive to the world? Why should it not be to believers?

#### Traveling Through the Cross

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1. Do you live your life in such a way that makes others wonder what it is about you that is a little different from the rest of the world?
  - A. What are current ways Christians are suffering and being persecuted in America?
  - B. Does it say anything about your life if you are not facing any of these things?

#### Applying This Passage to our Lives

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1. *Have no fear of them but fear the Lord*
  - A. What is one way you will seek the Lord's holiness this week?
2. *Be prepared*

- A. **Practice** – How can your life group begin honing your skills of evangelism?
  - B. **Pray** – How often does your group spend praying for opportunity to share the gospel and the boldness to do so?
  - C. **Talk** – How can you weave this topic into the fabric of your discussion with your fellow brothers and sisters in Christ – your life group?
3. *Consider your conduct*
- A. What is one way the Spirit is convicting you to live *set apart* in your sphere of influence?