

A People of Blessing

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Scriptures: 1 Peter 3:8-22; Psalm 34

Bottom Line: We are most like Jesus when we bless those who mistreat us

Peter gets to the heart of the letter in these verses to encourage these believers and show them why submission and suffering is so important to reach others for Jesus.

1 Peter 3:8-12

Called to Be a People of Blessing

We are most like Jesus when we pay back with blessing and don't retaliate against those who mistreat us.

- Who can you bless in your life that doesn't deserve it?

1 Peter 3:13-17

Called to Suffer for the Gospel

Our lives, particularly the way we suffer, gives us a platform to share Jesus with others.

- How do the rhythms and behaviours of your life point people to Jesus?

1 Peter 3:18-22

Called to a Victorious Life in Christ

Jesus' death and resurrection has secured for us a home in heaven.

- How can assurance of salvation in Jesus bring you peace this week?

LISTENING

Have someone in your group share something about their week. They could answer one of the following questions:

- What was a big challenge or problem you faced this week? How did you handle it?
- Where did you experience God this week? Or where do you wish you had experienced God this week?
- Based on your life experience this week, what do you think God is trying to teach you right now? What is He trying to build in you?

After the person shares, the group can respond. Make sure you let them know you heard them: tell them what you heard, offer wise advice where it's asked for, share from your own experience as well.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Review Sunday's message. What stood out to you? What challenged you? Are there any lingering questions?
2. How do you tend to respond when you feel threatened or mistreated?
3. Do you feel prepared to answer why you have hope in Jesus?
4. How can these verses encourage people in suffering?