

Virtual Small Group Discussion

1 Peter 3.13–22 *Hope that Sustains*



Getting Started

- Can you think of a time where your faith convictions created a difficult situation within a relationship or the workplace?

Static Questions

- **WHAT IS THE PASSAGE ABOUT?**
 - Note the key details (Who, What, When, Where, Why, etc.)
 - Pay attention to the main *Facts* of the passage.
- **WHAT DID YOU LEARN?**
 - What does the passage reveal about God? About people?
 - Is there a promise or a command or a warning?
 - What is the main truth of the passage?
 - What lessons do you see?
- **HOW WILL YOU APPLY IT?**
 - How does this passage relate to your life right now?
 - What change in your thinking or behavior is needed to align with the truths in this passage?
 - How should you respond based on what you learned?

From the Teaching this Morning

- What does it mean to suffer for the sake of righteousness? How can we distinguish from general suffering, and suffering for the sake of righteousness in our lives?
- In verse 15, Peter says we should be ready to make a defense for the hope we have. Do you feel prepared to give an answer? When was the last time you had the opportunity to do so?
- Verse 18 is one of the most clear descriptions of what Jesus has done for us. Can you explain in your own words the gospel as taught in this verse?

APPLICATION QUESTION

- This passage is full of practical applications for all of us. Yet it ends with a beautiful cry of praise—a doxology. Peter’s song of praise is not a wish or an empty hope. It is a statement of fact. His doxology roots all his previous commands and exhortations in the beauty of the nature and character of God. Take some time during group, and throughout the week, to reflect on why Peter is praising God in the midst of suffering, and consider how you might do the same throughout your week.

