

1 Peter Lesson 8

"Living Hope"

1 Peter 3:8-22

Day 1 – Read 1 Peter 3:8-22

Pray for God's Spirit to teach you as you study this week.

1) What 5 things are believers called to in 1 Peter 3:8?

1) _____

2) _____

3) _____

4) _____

5) _____

Which of these do you find hardest to have reflected in your life? Why do you think it is difficult for you?

2) 1 Peter 3:9 says, "to this you were called". To what is this referring?

Recall what else we've been called to in 1 Peter 2:21.

- 3) Summarize the meaning of the verses quoted from the Old Testament, Psalm 34:12 – 16.

Day 2 – Read 1 Peter 3:8-17

- 4) Read Romans 8: 31-39. How do these verses answer the question asked in 1 Peter 3:13?

- 5) 1 Peter 3:14 quotes part of Isaiah 8:12-13. Who does Isaiah say we should fear instead?

6) Is your fear of God stronger than your fear of man? Journal your thoughts below.

7) The NIV translates 1 Peter 3:15 "But in your hearts set apart Christ as Lord." What does it mean to set apart Christ as Lord?

Day 3

8) What question should we always be prepared to answer?

9) How can we be prepared to give an answer for the hope that we have?

10) How do we give this answer? Why is this important?

For further thought:

Do you personally feel prepared to give a reason for the hope that you have to everyone who asks you? Consider what practical ways you need to prepare yourself.

Day 4 – Read 1 Peter 3:17-22

11) What do we learn about suffering in 1 Peter 3:17? Why or why not is that a comfort to you?

12) “For,” in 1 Peter 3:18, introduces the reason for the teaching in verses 14 -17. What is this reason?

13) According to 1 Peter 3:18, why did Christ die?

14) When did Christ preach to the spirits in prison? (*This is a difficult passage.)

How did he preach to them?

What was the message?

Day 5 – Read 1 Peter 3:8-22

15) One of the themes of 1 Peter is suffering faithfully as you live among unbelievers. Why would a reminder of the story of Noah be a comfort to these believers? (Read Genesis 6 – 8 for additional insight.)

16) According to 1 Peter 3:21, our baptism is not a physical cleansing but a spiritual one. What does it represent? For additional insight see Hebrews 10:22.

17) Why is it significant that Jesus is in heaven at God's right hand?

Psalm 110:1 –

Matthew 26:64 –

Acts 2:22-33 –

Acts 5:30-31 –

Romans 8:34 –

Hebrews 1:3-4 –

Hebrews 12:1-2 –

18) According to 1 Peter 3:22, who is in submission to Jesus Christ?

19) What transforming truth will you cling to from your study this week?

How might it change you?

- Make notes about these key words/themes

Suffering

Way of life/behavior

God

Christ

Spirit/spiritual

God's will

Election/calling (called)

Save/salvation

Hope