

Sunday Text Questions for 1 Peter 3:8-17

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- 1) Starter Question: Share an example of someone whose behavior reflected the love of Christ.
- 2) Read the text aloud and discuss together any significant observations or issues needing clarification.
- 3) In light of the word “finally,” how do the Christian behaviors listed in v. 8 relate to the submission and relationship roles discussed in the previous passages (2:13-3:7)?
- 4) What is the relationship between blessing others and obtaining a blessing in v. 9, and how do vv. 10-12 help explain it?
- 5) What does it mean to “suffer for righteousness’ sake” (v. 14)? What does this kind of suffering look like today?
- 6) Read Isaiah 8:11-15, about God’s protection of his people against evil forces. How does God want his people to fear him above all other things?
- 7) Using both Isaiah 8 and 1 Peter 3, what does it mean to “in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy?” Use other translations for help.
- 8) The phrase, “always being prepared to make a defense” (v. 15) is often used as a thematic verse for (evidentialist) apologetics. What is the meaning or use of the phrase in this context?
- 9) What might cause a person to ask us about our hope in Christ (v. 15)?
- 10) How can we share the reason for the hope that is in us with gentleness and respect (v. 15)?

Further study this week: Psalm 34 on the life of blessing in God (Mon); Isaiah 8 on the fear of God (Tues); Deuteronomy 6 on how the fear of the Lord is always good for us (Wed); Proverbs 9 on how the fear of the Lord is wisdom (Thurs); Revelation 11 on how those who fear the Lord will worship in heaven (Fri).