



**Connection Group Participant Guide
February 7, 2021**

1 Peter 3:13-22

Memory Verse

But in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect. – 1 Peter 3:15

Key Principles

Peter instructs that if we are to be blessed in suffering, we must suffer for righteousness. Times of persecution are often occasions for bearing witness to our Savior; therefore these are the times we must not be intimidated to deny the Lord, remain silent, or dilute the message of the gospel. Although the pressure is to renounce or revise the message to make it less offensive, our response to this pressure is a reflection of whom we most fear. We either fear God or men. When we suffer for righteousness' sake, Peter says we can have a good, clear conscience. We can have a clear conscience when we are slandered, knowing that those who speak evil of us for doing good will be put to shame.

Highlight

What does Peter say about suffering for righteousness sake?

Explain

What does it mean that Jesus was made alive in the Spirit?

Apply

Are you living a compromised life so to avoid embarrassment or ridicule from others around you?.

Respond in Prayer

- Adoration: Give God praise for the things that you see in this passage.
- Confession: Confess your known sins to God.
- Thanksgiving: Thank God for revealing Himself and His ways to you in His Word.
- Supplication: Ask God to help you to know godly wisdom and righteousness.