

LIVING AS A SOJOURNER

# 1 PETER

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**March 26, 2017**

**1 Peter: Doing Good While Suffering**

**Text: 1 Peter 3:8-17**

Read together as a group the text we looked at this Sunday...1 Peter 3:8-17.

Much of this letter by Peter is helping us learn what it means to become a mature follower of Jesus. In this passage we hear Peter encourage us to do good even when we are suffering. To start group ask this question...

**Share with the group a time when you felt like you were treated unfairly.** It could be when you were a kid, a teenager, as a college student or when you started your career. How did you respond? What did you learn from it?

Inside of us all there is a pull toward goodness, to want things to be fair for us and those around us. **Does that give you hope? Have you seen this in your kids?**

Unpack this idea as a group. **Our behavior as followers of Jesus matters but our behavior can never give us salvation.**

Read verse 8-9 again as a group.

**1 Peter 3:8-9 (ESV)**

<sup>8</sup> Finally, all of you, have unity of mind, sympathy, brotherly love, a tender heart, and a humble mind.

<sup>9</sup> Do not repay evil for evil or reviling for reviling, but on the contrary, bless, for to this you were called, that you may obtain a blessing.

This is what God is calling us to give others especially those in our community. We are called to give this to both people in our church and people outside our faith. **What aspect of these verses is difficult for you?**

Striving for goodness matters most when we are facing persecution. **How do you think God uses our striving for goodness in the middle of pain?**

**Where are you suffering unjustly right now?** After this message how do you think God is calling you to respond?

As you close group read Psalm 1 together and pray together as a group for the week ahead.