

**Community Group Discussion Guide**  
**1 Peter 3:13-22**  
**(Week of February 26, 2023)**

**Getting to know you:**

1. Have you ever defended what you believed about God? Did you feel prepared? Why or why not?
2. Looking back at the sermon from this week's teaching, was there anything you heard for the first time, caught your attention, was reminded of, or was a big takeaway for you?
3. Take a few minutes and read aloud 1 Peter 3:13-22

**Getting into the text:**

*We are called to defend the faith without fear or intimidation. We are reminded of how Christ endured suffering for our sake.*

4. Read 1 Peter 3:13-14 Why must the believer be devoted to what is Good?
  1. How might we suffer for righteousness in our modern era in the west?
  2. Peter states do not fear what they fear. Who are the "they" in the text, and what do "they" fear?
  3. Do you have any concerns or fears that paralyze your faith in God?
5. Read 1 Peter 3:15 This is a classic verse instructing believers to engage in apologetics. How can we prepare for the questions that culture is demanding answers to.

\* Read the following questions carefully before responding apologetically?

  1. What evidence do we have that the Bible is the actual word of God?
  2. Many people say that Jesus was simply another prophet. How would you respond?
  3. Someone says God is love, therefore doesn't God honor all loving relationships, including those who are practicing an LGBTQ lifestyle and who state we love each other?
6. Read 1 Peter 3:18-22
  1. Baptism is mentioned in the context of Noah and his family. What is Peter highlighting in these verses?
  2. Read verse 21 This verse can be challenging to some who believe baptism has saving power. How should we understand and explain this verse?

**Pray for faithfulness and a deeper relationship!**