



SERMON DISCUSSION GUIDE  
*"Love Graciously, Live Virtuously"*  
*1 Peter 3:8-22*

**SERMON NOTES**

**FOR MORE READING:**

1 & 2 Peter by RC Sproul

In Defense of the Descent by Daniel Hyde (Good Book on *1 Peter 3:18-22*)

# GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- 1) Read **1 Peter 3:8**. Discuss the 5 things Peter tells Christians to do for one another. How do these things promote the health and well-being of the church?
- 2) Genuine faith is revealed when Christians love graciously. Read **John 13:35**. How can we be more loving to our brothers and sisters in Christ from different denominations?
- 3) Read **1 Peter 3:9-14**. Genuine faith is revealed when Christians live virtuously. What are some of the things Peter tells Christians to do towards non-Christians?
- 4) Read **1 Peter 3:15-16; Ephesians 4:11-16**. Christians must be prepared to give a reason for the hope they have, but we must do so in love and with gentleness and respect. Why is speaking the truth in love so difficult today?
- 5) Read **1 Peter 3:16; 2:12, 15; Matthew 5:16**. What happens to non-Christians when Christians live virtuously?
- 6) Read **1 Peter 3:17-22**. The Christians in Peter's day were discouraged because they were suffering for Jesus. How would this passage encourage them to remain faithful to Christ? How does it encourage you?
- 7) Martin Luther described **1 Peter 3:18-20** as "a more obscure passage perhaps than any other in the New Testament." Within the 3 views, Seth believes Peter was referring to the Spirit of Christ speaking through Noah (see **1 Peter 1:11**). How does Noah's day compare to Peter's day and our day today?

## FOR YOUR FAMILY

- 1) Memorize **1 Peter 3:15** – *But in your hearts set apart Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect.*
- 2) Read **1 Peter 3:8**. Discuss with your family how genuine faith is revealed when we love graciously. Talk about the 5 things the Lord instructs us to do.
- 3) Read **1 Peter 3:9-22**. Discuss why it's important for Christians to live virtuously in spite of opposition or persecution.