

Strong Tower Bible Study

Agenda

Lesson #16

Time 6:00pm -7:30pm

Topic: Responding to Mistreatment

Welcome

Opening Prayer

Scripture text: 1 Peter 3:13-22

¹³ Who is going to harm you if you are eager to do good? ¹⁴ But even if you should suffer for what is right, you are blessed. “Do not fear their threats ; do not be frightened.” ¹⁵ But in your hearts revere 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, ¹⁶ keeping a clear conscience, so that those who speak maliciously against your good behavior in Christ may be ashamed of their slander. ¹⁷ For it is better, if it is God’s will, to suffer for doing good than for doing evil. ¹⁸ For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God. He was put to death in the body but made alive in the Spirit. ¹⁹ After being made alive, he went and made proclamation to the imprisoned spirits— ²⁰ to those who were disobedient long ago when God waited patiently in the days of Noah while the ark was being built. In it only a few people, eight in all, were saved through water, ²¹ and this water symbolizes baptism that

now saves you also—not the removal of dirt from the body but the pledge of a clear conscience toward God. It saves you by the resurrection of Jesus Christ,²² who has gone into heaven and is at God’s right hand—with angels, authorities and powers in submission to him.

Things to know:

-Peter wrote to encourage suffering believers in Asia Minor and others to stand firm for Christ during persecution.

-We are to focus on our spiritual privileges and rights as children of God.

- Peter emphasizes that suffering for Christ is normal on earth, because the world is in rebellion of Christ.

-Followers of Christ should take heart in knowing their inheritance is in heaven where it cannot be tampered with.

-Followers of Christ are not victims, we are victorious.

Discussion Questions:

1. Have you ever been insulted for doing something “good”? Why should we remain encouraged? How does Peter encourage us? Vs 13-14
2. How are we to respond to ill treatment for our Faith? Vs15. Are you able to share why you believe in God and Why you believe Jesus Christ is Lord?
3. Why are we instructed to keep a clear conscience? Vs 16-17
4. Do you believe some people suffer more than others?
5. How many times did Jesus suffer for us? Why did He suffer? Vs18

6. What are “imprisoned spirits” Vs 19....Hint: Revelation 20:11-15
7. Why did God destroy the earth in Noah’s day? Vs 20, Genesis 6:5-8
8. Does baptism save your soul? Why or Why not? Vs 21-22

Faith in Action:

- Share your bible study lesson with a family member.
- Invite a loved one to come to Worship with you on Sunday or to Bible Study.
- Set clear boundaries in Love all week. (No is No) respect your limitations.
- Trust God to manage your emotions (Pause, Pray, Respond).
- Let go of what you cannot change (If you trust God for one thing, you can trust Him for everything).

Challenge of the Week:

-Read one scripture before making your first phone call of the day.

Scripture Application:

Romans 12:14-How can we bless those who persecute and curse us?

Romans 12:17-Can you share your faith with someone who does not believe and refrain from anger while doing so?

Proverbs 22:24-25-What are the words of wisdom?

Closing Prayer