

Adult Impact Questions
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If possible, read the book of I Peter 3:13-17 from several translations. For additional insight and study go to www.studylight.org.

1. Peter starts off with a great question: “Who is going to harm you if you do good?” Discuss the possibilities in today’s world. Consider also Biblical examples like Joseph, Moses, David and Jesus. What good deeds did they do and how were they mistreated?

The follow up question to the “who” is why would someone want to harm you for doing good? Share a personal example, if applicable, where you were mistreated for doing good.

What does James 1:2-4 say is of benefit to us for suffering in this way? What does Peter mean when he says we are “blessed” when suffering for doing good?

What might our natural tendency be when suffering for doing good?

2. From verse 15, what question are we to be prepared to answer? How would you answer that question? What verses might you use in support?
3. What does it mean to have a clear conscience and according to verse 16 why is it good for your conscience to be clear? Consider Psalm 66:18; I Peter 3:7 and discuss the consequences of not having a clear conscience.
4. Discuss the correlation between this verse and Romans 8:28. Who in scripture suffered because it was God’s will? (For example, consider Job, Daniel, Old Testament prophets, Paul)
5. How can this passage and these examples help us during times when we suffer for doing good?

Next week: I Peter 3:15