

Bible Study 1 Peter 3:8-18

- Peter is writing to Christians who are having a difficult time living in their society and are being persecuted for their faith. Can you think of a situation where you have in some way suffered because of your faith? How did that make you feel?
- Peter calls the Christians to live in harmony with each other (1 Peter 3:8). What practical ways can help us to do that?
- In verse 9 Peter calls us to 'repay evil with blessing'. How hard is that for you? Read all of verse 9. Can you think of times when you have failed at this? Or times when you have succeeded?
- Look at verses 10-12. What encouragements do you find in these verses as you think about dealing with people who treat you badly? Who will judge them?
- In verses 13-18 Peter reminds us that we are not exempt from suffering. What should we say to those who treat us badly?

Prayers

This week we have seen the terrible consequences of racism in America. We have also seen people around the world stand together to call for change. Pray that change will come through transformed hearts and minds so that people will no longer judge one another by the colour of their skin.

Pray that as Christ's followers we will stand against injustice wherever we find it. Jesus life and sacrifice are our example. Pray that we will live as Christ lived and be bold in speaking the truth of the Gospel so that other may come to know Jesus.