

## Small Group Outline for Week of November 23, 2020

1 Peter 3:8-12: A Life That I Love (v.10)

### A. Welcome and Conversation

1. Talk about how comfortable you feel saying the words, "I Love Life!"  
(1=uncomfortable 10=very comfortable)
2. Is there a word that you would prefer to substitute for "love"? (enjoy, like, live, tolerate, hate...)
3. Think about your life right now and complete the following sentence three different ways.  
"I love life because..."
4. Complete the following sentence (just once).  
"I would love life much more if..."

### B. Read 1 Peter 3:8-12

#### C. Context

1. Notice that the first word is "FINALLY." It indicates the conclusion/summary of a series of instructions about important relationships that Christians experience.
  - 1Pe 2:11-12** – A Christian's Relationship to the World
  - 1Pe 2:13-17** – A Christian's Relationship to the Government "submit yourselves"
  - 1Pe 2:18-25** – A Christian Employee's Relationship to the Employer "submit yourselves"
  - 1Pe 3:1-6** - A Christian Wife's Relationship to Her Husband "submit yourselves"
  - 1Pe 3:1-6** - A Christian Husband's Relationship to His Wife
2. Notice the different ways in which people can choose to relate to each other. Share an example in which you have seen these four dynamics displayed.
  - Respond to Good with Good**  
"love one another" (3:8); "Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good?" (3:13)
  - Respond to Evil with Evil**  
"Do not repay evil for evil or abuse for abuse." (3:9)
  - Respond to Good with Evil**  
"suffer for doing what is right." (3:14); "speak maliciously against your good behavior." (3:16)
  - Respond to Evil with Good**  
"Do not repay evil for evil...repay with a blessing." (3:9)  
"When they hurled insults at Jesus, he did not retaliate." (2:23)

#### D. Discussion

1. 1 Peter 3:8 - When you consider the virtues that are mentioned, how would you rate yourself with regard to your relationship with other Christians? (1=weak 10=strong)
  - \*We are like-minded. / We are harmonious.
  - \*I am sympathetic. Others are sympathetic.
  - \*We love each other like brothers and sisters.
  - \*I am compassionate. Others are compassionate.
  - \*I am humble. Others are humble.
2. Share examples in which these virtues have been displayed by you or by others.

3. 1 Peter 3:9 - What do we learn about our “calling” as Christians? Consider these verses.
  - \* “Do not repay evil with evil or insult with insult. On the contrary, repay evil with blessing, because to this you were **called** so that you may inherit a blessing.” 1 Peter 3:9
  - \* But just as he who **called** you is holy, so be holy in all you do; <sup>16</sup>for it is written: “Be holy, because I am holy.” 1 Peter 1:15
  - \* But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who **called** you out of darkness into his wonderful light. 1 Peter 2:9
  - \* But if you suffer for doing good and you endure it, this is commendable before God. <sup>21</sup>To this you were **called**, because Christ suffered for you, leaving you an example, that you should follow in his steps.
  - \* And the God of all grace, who **called** you to his eternal glory in Christ, after you have suffered a little while, will himself restore you and make you strong, firm and steadfast. 1 Peter 5:10
  
4. 1 Peter 3:10-12 is a quotation of Psalm 34:12-16
  - \*On what occasion did David write this psalm? See the title of Psalm 34.
  - \*Read 1 Samuel 21:10-15.
  - \*Why do you think Peter chose to quote these particular verses?
  - \*What does the quotation of Psalm 34 tell us about Peter’s view of the Old Testament?
  
5. 1 Peter 3:12 - Consider the “eyes”, “ears”, and “face” of the Lord as described. Consider the “tongue” and “lips” of people described in verse 10. What facial expression do you visualize the Lord to have in the contexts mentioned in v.12. What facial expression do you think the Lord has when he looks at you?
  
6. 1 Peter 3:11 - They must turn from evil and do good; they must seek peace and pursue it. Can you think of any areas in which you need to turn from evil and do good? Are there situations in which you could help someone else turn from evil to do good? Can you think of any situations in which you need to seek peace and pursue it intentionally?
  
7. LOVE LIFE!!
  
8. ENJOY GOOD DAYS!!