

# Goldstone Church

## Small Group Questions

### 1 Peter 3:8-12

#### For Starting

- What would the title of your autobiography be?
- Who is someone (other than Jesus!) that you would like to learn more about? What is it about their life that interests you?
- Share about a memorable wedding that you attended.
- Imagine: one day, as God is sitting around heaven visiting with the angels, He begins to speak highly of you. In His proud, Fatherly way, what would He say to show He was pleased with you?

#### For Reviewing

- List the FIVE things Christians need to have to be able to relate rightly to one another (v.8)? Which of these attitudes is the easiest for us to show to other Christians?
- What rule for Christian living does Peter give in v.9?
- Compare v.10-12 with Psalm 34:12-16 (see over). How has Peter rephrased what King David wrote?
- How should Christians respond to evil and insults (v.10-11)?
- Why should the fact that the "eyes of the Lord are on the righteous" (v.12) be a comfort to Christians?

#### For Discussion

- Which of the 5 qualities and attitudes that Peter highlights in v.8 are the hardest to show? How can we change in this area?
- What is evil? How does Peter want Christians to respond to evil? In what practical ways can we respond to an insult with blessing?
- Why should the fact that the "eyes of the Lord are on the righteous" (v.12) be a comfort to Christians?
- "*Our blessing of evil-doers and persecutors must take the form of a prayer that seeks their salvation and good.*" Do you agree/disagree? Why? How does this impact our Christian lives today?
- In what ways is the quality of our prayer life linked to the quality of life generally?
- You could end by reading together 1 Peter 3:12.

## **1 Peter 3:8-12 (NIVUK)**

### **Suffering for Doing Good**

<sup>8</sup> Finally, all of you, live in harmony with one another; be sympathetic, love as brothers, be compassionate and humble. <sup>9</sup> Do not repay evil with evil or insult with insult, but with blessing, because to this you were called so that you may inherit a blessing. <sup>10</sup> For,

“Whoever would love life  
and see good days  
must keep their tongue from evil  
and his lips from deceitful speech.

<sup>11</sup> He must turn from evil and do good;  
he must seek peace and pursue it.

<sup>12</sup> For the eyes of the Lord are on the righteous  
and his ears are attentive to their prayer,  
but the face of the Lord is against those who do evil.”

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## **Psalm 34:12-16 (NIVUK)**

<sup>12</sup> Whoever of you loves life  
and desires to see many good days,

<sup>13</sup> keep your tongue from evil  
and your lips from telling lies.

<sup>14</sup> Turn from evil and do good;  
seek peace and pursue it.

<sup>15</sup> The eyes of the LORD are on the righteous,  
and his ears are attentive to their cry;

<sup>16</sup> but the face of the LORD is against those who do evil,  
to blot out their name from the earth.