

RIVERSIDE ANGLICAN CHURCHES

Questions for Study and Reflection

Suffering well – 1 Peter 3:8-22

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1. What should a Christian be and do from verses 8-12? What things listed here can you see in your own life? Which ones do you find difficult?
2. How is v12 both an incentive towards godliness and a warning?
3. Is living a Godly life a guarantee against opposition and suffering? What examples can you think of, from history or your own experience?
4. Peter tells us not to fear those who are hostile towards Christians, but rather to be ready to tell them the reason for the hope that we have v15.
5. Write down your personal history of encountering Jesus. How does your testimony help people to find out who Jesus is, what he has done and the difference that he makes to you?
6. Why is the manner with which we share our hope important? What would the opposite to '*gentleness and respect*' look like?
7. Read v18. Try and memorise 1 Peter 3:18. How is this verse a statement of the gospel in miniature?
8. Jesus suffered – what did God bring from his suffering? How does that help us when we are confronted with hostility or opposition from others?
9. Read v22 – What is Jesus experience now? How does that strengthen your hope and your heart to persevere even in the face of opposition?