

RIVERSIDE ANGLICAN CHURCHES
QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION AND REFLECTION
1 Peter 2:18-25

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1. What is the difference between slavery and employment?
2. If verse 18 deals with a slave's attitude even to cruel masters, what does that mean for our attitude towards those who employ us?
3. Is verse 18 saying we should have "all respect" even for cruel bosses? Read again verse 13, 17, 19 and 20 as you discuss this.
4. How does being mindful of God (verse 19) enable us to endure unjust suffering?
5. The ESV uses the words "a gracious thing" in both verse 19 and 20. What does this behaviour for slaves (and employees) have to do with grace?
6. Does this mean Peter supported slavery? Why? Why not?
7. What about unions and rights for workers? Should a Christian be a member of the union? Use the words in 1 Peter to support your conclusion.
8. Re-read verses 21-23. Why are the responses of Christ Jesus to unjust suffering helpful for poorly treated employees?
9. How have you responded (or been tempted to respond) to your boss? What aspects of Christ's example do you personally find challenging/difficult?
10. If you are not employed (ie: retiree, at home parent, unemployed, student, etc), how are these verses relevant to you? Additionally, how can you help others who are employed?
11. Verse 24 is not something we can copy. Jesus' death is more than an example. Why does Peter talk about it here? How does Jesus' death relate to our behaviour? (If time permits, also read Isaiah 53)
12. Verse 25 is both instruction and comfort. How is this the case for a poorly treated employee?