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**SESSION SIX:**

**“Suffering – Part 1”**

**1 Peter 3:8-22**

## SESSION SIX TEACHING NOTES

### 1. Face to Face \_\_\_\_\_ (3:8)

#### Five Essential Virtues...

- Unity of Mind
- Sympathy
- Brotherly Love
- Tender Heart
- Humble Mind

### 2. Respond Appropriately to \_\_\_\_\_ (3:9-17)

- Refrain from \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ your enemies
- Fear the Lord
- Be prepared

### 3. Behold the \_\_\_\_\_ of Jesus (3:18-22)

- The uniqueness of His suffering and death
- The effects of His resurrection
- His triumph over all enemies through His ascension

## SESSION SIX GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE

## **GETTING STARTED**

- Do you agree or disagree that face to face interaction with other believers is more beneficial than digital or online interaction? Why?

## **DIGGING DEEPER**

1. How might Peter's failure in Matthew 26:47-54 have influenced his exhortation to the exiled believers in 1 Peter 3:8-17?
2. Which of the five virtues mentioned in 1 Peter 3:8-9 are you the weakest? Strongest? Why are the weak areas a struggle for you?
3. When you are on the receiving end of evil are you motivated to bless instead of curse? If you lack motivation, what do you think is missing?
4. How does knowing that Jesus suffered and died unjustly without retaliation help you to do the same when you are belittled, mocked, or suffer for your faith?

## **TAKING ACTION**

- Peter tells us to "always be prepared to give a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you." What can we do to be prepared to give that defense?
- Are you experiencing (or have you experienced) a form of persecution or evil as a result of your faith in Jesus? How will you (or did you) respond?

## **SESSION SIX GROUP PRAYER**

