

Questions for Reflection and Discussion

1 Peter 2:18-25

Free to Serve

Background

In one sentence, what is the key idea in 2:13-17?

Digging In

1. Read 2:18-25 and write a one-sentence **summary** of this section.
2. **Read vv. 18-21.** In telling slaves to submit themselves to their masters, what qualifications does Peter add in v. 18?
3. What does it mean to *bear up under the pain of unjust suffering* because we are **conscious of God** (v. 19)?
4. Peter says in v. 20 that when we *suffer for doing good and endure it*, it is **commendable** before God. Why do you think that is? (see also v. 21)
5. **Read vv. 22-25.** How did Christ provide an **example** for us of how to respond to unjust suffering?
6. What did Christ **do** for us on the cross? (v. 24)
7. What **purpose** for his crucifixion is given in v. 24? (clue: *so that*)
8. What do you think it means to **die to sins and live for righteousness**? (see Rom 6:11-14)
9. How can Peter's statement in v. 25 help us to *die to sins and live for righteousness*?



Getting Personal

- An example of unjust suffering for a slave would be receiving a beating, even when the slave didn't do anything wrong. What would be an example of **unjust suffering** for us today?
- How can we apply these instructions – originally given to slaves – to our lives today?
- Is God speaking to you about a sin in your life that is holding you back – that is keeping you from fully *living for righteousness*?