

Questions for Reflection and Discussion

1 Peter 3:8-12

Living in Harmony

Overview

In v. 8 Peter talks about our relationship to other Christians. In vss. 9-12 he gives instructions for our relationship with those outside the church.

Digging In

1. **Read v. 8.** What is Peter's first command? In your own words, what does it mean to *live in harmony with one another*?
2. What are the other four exhortations in v. 8? Write a brief definition for each one:
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3. How will obeying each of these help us live in harmony with one another?
4. **Read v. 9.** How should we respond to evil or insult?
5. What do you think it means to respond with blessing?
6. According to Peter, why should we respond in this way?
7. **Read vss. 10-12, and Psalm 34:12-16.** What additional reasons does Peter give for avoiding evil and deceitful speech?
8. In what way are the exhortations in v. 8 a necessary foundation for the admonitions in vss. 9-12?



Getting Personal

- Would people describe you as one who seeks to live in harmony with others? As one who seeks peace and pursues it?
- Look again at v. 8. In which of these areas do you most need to grow?
- Memorize and meditate on v. 8. Just do it. 😊