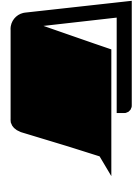


this *exile* life



A SERIES IN 1 PETER

Sunday, March 21, 2021 | Wawasee Community Bible Church | Milford, Indiana | Pastor Dave Winters

Part 11 | **Righteous Relationships**

1 Peter 3:8-12

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4. We All Need Friends

Relationships as **GOOD** or **EVIL**.

What word is used 5 times in 1 Peter 3:8-12?

Righteous **RELATIONSHIPS**

v. 8

unity of mind: _____ (person's name)

sympathy: _____ (person's name)
Isaiah 53:3; Hebrews 4:15

brotherly love: _____ (person's name)

tender heart: _____ (person's name)
Hosea 11:8-9



3. All People Matter

humble mind: *Where is your focus?* _____

BLESS rather than curse,

v. 9

1 Peter 2:23-24

and receive God's **STRENGTH**.

v. 10-12

Psalm 34:12-16

Matthew 5:9

Romans 12:18



What is this? – Each week people from Wawasee Bible meet in small groups in various homes to learn about Jesus, pray, eat, laugh, and live life together. We call them Life Groups. The questions here are based on the sermon each week (often a parallel passage of Scripture), and guide each group's study. If you're interested in connecting with a Life Group, let us know on the Connect Card in your bulletin.

Getting to Know You

Getting to Know You: Use this guide

for your personal and group study this week. Part of our goal together is getting to know one another. *One year ago this week we had to go to “virtual church” due to COVID! What was the **worst** part of being stuck at home (or of COVID in general) the last year? What was the **best** part of being stuck at home (or of COVID in general) the last year?*

Getting Started

Review your message notes. What stood out to you from the message this week? Do you have questions? Disagreements? Discuss it with your group.

1. Most of us have met a person who you could call a “peace maker.” They have the unique ability to diffuse tension and bring perspective to a stressful situation. What do you think are some typical actions and/or attitudes this type of person has to have in order to be known as a “peace maker”?

Digging Deeper

2. Quoting **Psalm 34**, Peter says it's a priority for God's people to “seek peace and pursue it” (**1 Peter 3:11**). It's important to note that the peace that's being spoken of here doesn't just happen, nor is it all about constantly raising the surrender flag to get peace, but rather it's something we actively pursue. How do the following verses help us understand what pursuing peace looks like?

Proverbs 16:24

Romans 12:17-21

Galatians 6:1-2

Colossians 3:13

3. The traits of a righteous relationship in **v. 7** are not about just getting along, but about representing God's love to our world, *especially* in how we relate to one another. Because of this expectation, it's no surprise that the New Testament has over 30 verses that have “one another” commands. As you read through the following verses, jot down the “one another” command next to each verse.

Romans 12:10

Romans 15:7

James 5:16

Hebrews 10:24

1 Thessalonians 5:15

Looking back at what you wrote, put an “x” next to any verse that you've seen someone put into action and jot down a couple of words to explain it.

Rate Yourself: Put a check mark next to one or two you think you do OK with, and circle one or two you'd like to work on or make sure you're putting into action.

4. Showing compassion and sympathy is important, yet some have a much easier time showing it due to their personality, temperament and/or background. What do we learn about what it takes to show compassion and sympathy from Jesus and his disciples in **Mark 6:30-44**?

As you close, take time to pray (unhurried) for each person in your group.

Personal Prayer Items



MARCH CHALLENGE

Memorize 1 Peter 2:24 and Invite someone to an Easter service.

1 Peter 2:24 sums up the Gospel, take time to memorize it as we head toward Easter. — Speaking of which, **Easter is Sunday, April 4.** Who will you invite to join you? Be praying and thinking who you will invite. *We're sent to love people **and invite them** to follow Jesus with us.* Who will you invite?

Word Find for 1 Peter 3:8-12 (ESV)

Find the words **bolded** below.

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