

# Deep Life

7/13/08

Pamela

8:30 Leaders meet prayer people program

9:00 min teams arrive

9:45 prayer find student  
worship

10:00 Blessing Those Who Hurt You IPeter 3:8-22

MAIN POINT: It is better to suffer for doing good than for doing evil.

HOOK: What recent fight do you remember most vividly? Think back to a heated disagreement.

On a scale of 1 to 10, (10 being nerves of steel), how good would you say you are at maintaining godly behavior when you are offended by someone?

10:05 Personal Story

Lesson

READ IPeter 3:8-22

1. What incredible challenge did Peter give his readers? (8-9)
2. Why did Peter instruct us to live at peace with everyone? (9)
3. Who does God listen to? (12)
4. What did Peter tell us about suffering for what is right? (14)
5. How are we to give a reason for our hope in Christ? (15)
6. Why are believers to keep a clear conscience? (16)
7. When is it all right to suffer, and when is suffering wasted? (17)
8. What did Peter say about Christ's death? (18)

9. What do the flood waters from which Noah & his family were saved say to us? (21)

10. How are we saved? (21) Note: Baptism doesn't save us; faith in Jesus's resurrection from death.

#### 10:25 Small Groups

1. When are you tempted to return evil with evil & insult with insult? Why?

2. What concrete actions can we use to restore harmony? What response could you use when you are mistreated or insulted?

3. How could suffering for doing right be a blessing?

4. How do you go about setting Christ apart as Lord in your life? Be practical and specific.

5. How prepared are you to explain your hope in Christ, & what steps can you take to become better prepared for discussions about Christ?

6. How does this passage help you next time you find yourself suffering for doing good?

#### 10:40 Punch: Story

CHALLENGE: Pray about what you can do to promote harmony between you and those you are not truly at peace with?

#### 10:45 Close in Prayer