



How to Share the Gospel

1 Peter 3:15

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How to Prepare

Begin preparing by reading the full passage a few times. Then answer the questions for yourself. Then think about how your Small Group might answer them. Try re-wording the questions to fit you and your Small Group. Don't feel tied down to the discussion guide, just be sure to discuss the main point of the text in your conversations.

Resources-

<https://biblehub.com/hebrew/6944.htm>

<https://biblehub.com/greek/4832.htm>

Discussion Guide Outline:

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1. The Holiness of GOD ALMIGHTY. V. 1 Peter 3:15a

2. The Holiness of the CREATOR Commands New Character.

V. 1 Peter 3:15b

3. The Holiness of Our SAVIOR is Enough to Save the Lost

V. 1 Peter 3:15c

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Godly Living

15 but sanctify Christ as Lord in
your hearts, always being
ready to make a defense to
everyone who asks you to give
an account for the hope that is
in you, yet with gentleness
and reverence;

Discussion Questions

Ask a volunteer to read Romans 10:13-15.

INTRODUCTION AND MAIN IDEA

1. What do you have that is only to be used by you for your purposes? What have you seen others regard as set apart for special occasions or purposes? Were these considerations based on their intrinsic value or their perceived value?

2. What does Zech. 14:20-21 say to you? How can we use all aspects of our lives to reflect the holiness of God? *(Some say this is talking about the Millennial, physical reign of CHRIST on earth. But also consider how we can apply this passage to our lives today.)*

UNDERSTANDING AND APPLICATION

These questions should help your Small Group dig deeper into the text and then apply it to your lives today.

I. The Holiness of GOD ALMIGHTY. V. 1 Peter 3:15

3. When you hear that "GOD is holy", what does that mean to you about FATHER GOD's character? (Isa. 45:5, Isa. 55:8-9, Isa. 42:8, Job 38:4-7)

4. If we receive this TRUTH about HIS eternal character how does that effect us? (Rom. 12:1, Ps. 96:9, 1 Pet. 2:9)

II. The Holiness of the CREATOR Commands New Character. V. 1 Peter 3:15b

5. What results must occur in us when we receive the imputed righteousness of CHRIST? (Gal. 5:22-23, 1 Cor. 13:4-7)

6. How long does it take for those results to occur? (Rom. 8:12-13, 23-25, 28, 29)

(We are to become like Christ over our whole lives. Speaking of the word conform: "It unfolds progressively [from glory to glory," 2 Cor. 3:18] and will reach consummation at the resurrection [Phil. 3:21]. Justification, sanctification, and glorification are therefore facets of one gracious purpose: making believers symmorphoi with the Son." From BibleHub Strong's Concordance 4832)

7. What is this passage implying about the result of CHRIST becoming LORD of your life? Why did people come to CHRIST in HIS earthly ministry, because of what HE did, or WHO HE is? Which, do you think of the 2 groups, persevered through the coming persecutions?

III. The Holiness of Our SAVIOR is Enough to Save the Lost. V. 1 Peter 3:15c

8. With whom did JESUS rail in anger against, and with whom was HE gentle and compassionate? (Matt. 12:34, John 8:44, Matt. 9:36, Luke 7:47-48)

9. To "as many as the Lord our God will call to Himself" (i.e. believers and those who will become believers), what is so irresistible about JESUS of Nazareth? (John 12:32, Matt. 11:28-30)

10. Thinking about question 2: How does the world experience the character of CHRIST? (Lev. 10:10)

1 Pet. 2:11–4:11 Living as Aliens to Bring Glory to God in a Hostile World. Peter explains how believers should live as exiles amid a world that rejects their message. They bear witness to the gospel when they live in a way that pleases God.

1 Pet. 3:13–4:11 Responding to Suffering in a Godly Way. Believers are to endure hardship, knowing that they will receive a final reward (3:13–17). Christ suffered at his death but was raised from the dead, and thus has triumphed over all demonic powers (3:18–22). Christians are urged to give themselves wholly to God, being willing to suffer and do what is right (4:1–6). Expectation of the end times should motivate believers to live in a way that pleases God and to exercise their spiritual gifts (4:7–11).

1 Pet. 3:13–14 even if. Peter is writing to Christians already suffering for their faith, therefore he is not saying that such suffering is improbable. His point is that no one will ultimately or finally harm Christians, “even if” they suffer now, for God will reward them (cf. Rom. 8:31). Indeed, they will be blessed by God in their sufferings (cf. Matt. 5:10).

1 Pet. 3:15–17 Believers should always be ready to provide a rationale for their faith, but they should do so winsomely and righteously. And if they keep a good conscience, any accusations against them will prove groundless, and their accusers will be put to shame. It is sometimes God’s will that Christians suffer for doing good.