

## Questions for Reflection and Discussion

### 1 Peter 3:13-17

#### Be Prepared

##### Getting Started

In what kind of setting do you feel most comfortable talking about your faith in Christ?

##### Digging In

1. **Read vss. 13-14.** In what sense are we less likely to suffer persecution if we are *eager to do good*?
2. Why are we blessed if we *suffer for what is right*? (see Matt 5:11-12)
3. How can this perspective keep us from being fearful?
4. **Read v. 15-17.** What do you think it means to *set apart Christ as Lord* in our hearts?
5. What difference will this make in our character, behavior, values and ambitions?
6. What should we always be prepared to do?
7. What is this hope that Peter is talking about?
8. What might lead people to ask us about the hope that we have?
9. What do you think it means to keep *a clear conscience*? (v. 16)
10. Why is this important?



##### Getting Personal

- If someone were to observe your life for 1 week, what evidence would they see that Christ is Lord of your life?
- What evidence would they see to the contrary?
- Are you ready to give an answer for the hope that you have? If not, what steps will you take to get ready?
- How can we grow in our ability to share the gospel *with gentleness and respect*?
- Is there anything that is keeping you from having a clear conscience? (Ps 139:23-24; Ps 51:10,12)