



Life Group Discussion Guide

**Bless Others**

**1 Peter 3:8-12**

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Main Thought: When we bless, we are blessed.

Sunday Outline:

- Love one another
- Love your enemies
- Love life

Welcome & Fellowship Time (*Suggested Time 10 Minutes*)

Open in Prayer

Week in Review: (*Suggested Sharing Time 10 minutes*)

- How might your prayers have been affected by your relationships this last week?

Discussion Starter: (*Suggested Time 5 minutes*)

- Share time when you reacted to a situation to abruptly or quickly. What impact or consequence did that reaction have?

Sermon Review: (*Suggested Time 15 minutes*).

Review 1 Peter 3:8-12 and discuss the following questions:

- What characteristic out of verse 8 do you find easiest to put into practice? Which is the most difficult
- Why is it so difficult to not return evil for evil or insult for insult?
- Read Matthew 5:44, Luke 6:27-29, Romans 12:14, 17-21, 1 Corinthians 4:12. How do these verses back-up the truth from 1 Peter 3:9?
- What do the blessings God bestows on us look like?



Digging Deeper: *(Suggested Time 20 minutes)*

In 1 Peter 3:10-12, Peter is quoting Psalm 34:12-16. Read the whole chapter of Psalm 34 and discuss the following questions.

- What were the challenges and problems the Psalmist faced?
- What does the Lord's blessing look like to the Psalmist?
- What actions were the readers encouraged to do?
- What blessings are you seeing in your life, even amidst the challenges you might be facing?

Application: *(Suggested Time 10 minutes)*

- The biggest blessing God offers us is forgiveness of our sins and new life in Him. Have you received that blessing personally for yourself?
- Are there any relationships in the church that you need to reconcile with? How can you live in love and unity with other believers?
- We are called to bless those who do not know Jesus. What is one way you can bless someone who doesn't know Jesus this week?
- Take some time to write down God's blessings in your life, even if you are going through challenging times.

Group Prayer Requests: *(Suggested Time 10 minutes)*

Spend time praying for each other & praying for application of the study in the lives of the group members. *(Suggested time 10 minutes)*