



Compromise Culture Discover Bible Study

Session 1 | Grace & Truth

Connect

In your small group, take 5 to 7 mins to connect.

- What are you thankful for this week? Where did you see God move in your life this week?
- Share what is causing you stress, worry, anxiety, or fear right now.

Opening Prayer

Have the facilitator pray for the study.

[Sample prayer: *“God, thank you for inviting us into this community of faith to hear what your spirit has to say as we study your word. May we be attuned to the Holy Spirit that teaches and guides, and may we be empowered to follow through on such things as we might be invited to reflect on, or to do. May we be continually reformed into your image by your work in each of us. Amen.”*]

Read the Passage

Have someone read the following passage aloud.

8 Finally, all of you should be of one mind. Sympathize with each other. Love each other as brothers and sisters. Be tenderhearted, and keep a humble attitude. 9 Don't repay evil for evil. Don't retaliate with insults when people insult you. Instead, pay them back with a blessing. That is what God has called you to do, and he will grant you his blessing. 10 For the Scriptures say, "If you want to enjoy life and see many happy days, keep your tongue from speaking evil and your lips from telling lies. 11 Turn away from evil and do good. Search for peace, and work to maintain it. 12 The eyes of the Lord watch over those who do right, and his ears are open to their prayers. But the Lord turns his face against those who do evil.

13 Now, who will want to harm you if you are eager to do good? 14 But even if you suffer for doing what is right, God will reward you for it. So don't worry or be afraid of their threats. 15 Instead, you must worship Christ as Lord of your life. And if someone asks about your hope as a believer, always be ready to explain it. 16 But do this in a gentle and respectful way. Keep your conscience clear. Then if people speak against you, they will be ashamed when they see what a good life you live because you belong to Christ. 17 Remember, it is better to suffer for doing good, if that is what God wants, than to suffer for doing wrong!

1 Peter 3:8-17 NLT



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Discover God's Word | Reflection

- What in this text stood out to you?
- What does the passage tell us about God?
- Who in your life would you say speaks the truth graciously? Give an example of this playing out.

Moving Forward | Application

- How can you live out what you learned in this passage?
- Of the characteristics or attributes that Peter invites his readers to embody, which do you feel most challenged by and why?
- Peter instructs his readers to be ready to explain our hope to anyone who asks us. How would you explain your hope to someone who might need to hear about Jesus this week? If you lack hope this season, you are welcome to share that here. Consider sharing what sort of hope you are looking for and how that hope might shift things for you.

Closing Prayer

Have someone close in prayer.

[Sample prayer: *"Jesus, thank you for your word that graciously speaks truth to each of us. May we continue to abide in and obey your word. May we continually be reformed in your image not just for our own sake, but for the sake of others and the world. Amen."*]