

- 1) Does the present state of our economy, country and world upset you? Are you concerned given world events of late? What do you think God would have you to do in light of our circumstances?
- 2) Read 1 Samuel 21:10-22:2. What do you think David was thinking when he fled to the king of Gath? What do you think he was feeling when he escaped to the cave of Adullam?
- 3) Recall the context that we spent much time reviewing last week. Mindful of that context, read 1Peter 3:8-14. How does the context¹ inform the passage? Consider verse 9 in your response.
- 4) Read 1Peter 3:10-12 and Psalm 34:12-16. The passage you read in question 2 from 1Samuel 21 is the context for David's writing of Psalm 34. How are David's circumstances and that of Peter's readers similar? How are they similar to ours?
- 5) Observe the 5 points of practical advice Peter gives to his readers in verse 8. List the practical advice that Peter gives his readers in verses 9-11. How would you order those points of advice (most important to least important)? Why?
- 6) Consider the promise of 1Peter 3:12. How does that promise comfort you? Read Psalm 33:18, Proverbs 15:3 and 2 Chronicles 16:9a. Read Psalm 17:6, 94:9 and Isaiah 59:1. Are you blessed in knowing God's attentiveness to you?
- 7) Read 1Peter 13-15a and Isaiah 8:11-14a. What is God's strong encouragement to His people who face difficult circumstance? What other times (in Scripture) can you recall the Lord exhorting His people not to fear when they have circumstantial reason to fear? How does this truth encourage you today?

¹ Consider the common thread between 2:13-14, 2:18-21, 3:1-7.