



## Sermon Discussion Questions

### "Street Apologetics"

1 Peter 3:15

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Opener:

As a young person, what can you recall quarrelling about on trips with family or friends?

Questions:

1. Find as many phrases as you can in verses 8-12 that describe what a Christian ought to be and do. What do you find difficult about the way of life described in these verses?
2. What central point can be taken to heart from verse 10 if we want to "love life and see good days?"
3. What counsel does Peter offer for coping with suffering (vv 13-17)?

When in your life has suffering been difficult to understand?

4. Why might someone who is yet to believe in Jesus Christ as the savior, be willing to listen to reasons of hope from a person who is living the way Peter describes (vv 15-17)?

Application:

5. What do you think causes people to shy away from following the model for evangelism Peter gives in verses 15-16?

What motivates people to follow the model for evangelism Peter gives in verses 15-16?

6. What does it mean to you to give the reason for the hope you have -- with "gentleness and respect."
7. How does your hope guide your behavior and cause people to ask themselves about it?
8. Take some time to pray together, either in silence or aloud, and ask the Holy Spirit to use you for the purpose of responding to someone the reason for the hope that you have. Be attentive this week to the Holy Spirit answering your prayer.

\*These questions were taken from *The NIV Quiet Time Bible* (InterVarsity, 1996) and the *Serendipity Bible for Groups* (Zondervan, 1998).