



The Fairness Doctrine | 1 Peter 2:18-25

Peter continues the discussion that he started in 2:11-12 where he talked about living a “beautiful life.” The beautiful way of life is all moving toward others in love. Our temptation is to isolate and/or harden our hearts. His first application was to “submit” to governing authorities. Now, he moves into talking about submitting to those you serve.

What are the typical ways that people deal with being treated unjustly?

READ/REFLECT

1 Peter 2:18-25 ... read through these verses.

Who are the “masters” that we serve?

Is “lack of fairness” just a reality of living in a broken world? How does Peter challenge us to respond to “unfairness”?

What does it look like to be “mindful of God” when suffering in unjust situations? How does that reflect the character of Christ?

Read Philippians 1:27-29. How does this verse help you understand the “calling to suffering?” How is this calling similar/different from what you have thought previously about God’s “calling” in your life?

Think about how Jesus suffered. What were “the steps” He walked? How specifically did He respond to the unjust situations in which He found Himself?

How can you see yourself responding this way?

How does the image of “just judge” help you process unjust suffering?

How does submitting and enduring allow us to “die to sin”? How is this part of God’s plan?

RESPOND

What are the obstacles to trusting God’s goodness in the midst of suffering?

What will it look like to trust God’s goodness in the midst of suffering?

REACH OUT in prayer

Ask each person in the group to share how others can pray for them to apply these truths to their lives.