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- Peter begins this passage discussing the church to be as one (*1 Peter 3:8*). Without letting your mind wandering past the church building for a moment; how do you believe we do with living in harmony? What are ways that we are doing this? What are ways we can improve in this?
- Keeping a healthy respect for the oppression that Peter’s audience faced, what does Peter challenge the oppressed to do?
- How have you experienced people responding to Christ-like actions that Peter describes in this section: not retaliating, seeking peace, or gentleness?
- Compare *1 Peter 3:13-14* and the more commonly used *Romans 8:31-39*. Be sure to differentiate oppression, power, and pain that are temporary versus those that are eternal.
- What does vindicated mean to you? How does vindication through Christ shape your hope?
- *Psalm 34* is quoted in *1 Peter 8:10-12 & 14b*. Read through all of *Psalm 34*. How are these similar messages, how are they different?
- For super-bonus points in your small group, discuss and dig into the enigmatic verses of *1 Peter 3:18-20*. This opens the door to the phrase “he descended into hell” phrase that is in some versions of the Apostles Creed. Many online resources can help you explore this topic with numerous interpretations.

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