

Adult Study Guide for March 28, 2021
Series: *I am an Alien*; Message: *Suffering*
1 Peter 3:8-18

Goal: To find peace in the midst of the conflict and suffering that we experience in our lives.

Key Verses: *For, “Whoever would love life and see good days must keep their tongue from evil and their lips from deceitful speech. ¹¹ They must turn from evil and do good; they must seek peace and pursue it.” – 1 Peter 3:10-11 (NIV)*

1. When was the last time that you lost your car keys or some other thing that you needed and spent some time looking for it? How did that make you feel? What did you do in response? Have you experienced a loss of interpersonal peace in the last year? What will it take to regain it?

2. Read the key verses above. Why does finding peace require a relentless pursuit? How do the words that come out of our mouths affect the harmony that we achieve with others? (James 3:5-6) If you seek peace, how will you stand out from the crowd? (Matthew 5:9)

3. Read 1 Peter 3:8. Peter lists five building blocks for achieving interpersonal peace. How can each of these steps bring you closer to finding peace and unity with other Christians?

4. Read 1 Peter 3:13. How will seeking peace by doing good protect you when you face persecution? (1 Peter 2:15)

5. Read 1 Peter 3:14; 4:12-16. Peter was aware that we may still suffer even if we do everything right. What encouragement does Peter offer us when we suffer? How does God use the evil intentions of others for good? (Romans 8:28; illustration of William Tyndale)

6. Read 1 Peter 3:15-18. What is the connection between our suffering and the suffering of Jesus? (Matthew 5:10-12; Acts 5:40-41; 2 Corinthians 1:5) How can you represent Christ this week through your pursuit of peace?