

You're called to follow Jesus' example when you suffer for doing good

1. Submission to authorities in your life isn't dependent on their \_\_\_\_\_

*1 Peter 2:18-20*

From the leader of your country to the leader in your workplace to the leaders in your church, "God's in \_\_\_\_\_ of who's in \_\_\_\_\_"

*Colossians 3:23-24*

2. Jesus' suffering not only \_\_\_\_\_ you, but provided an \_\_\_\_\_ for you

*1 Peter 2:21-24*

As a follower of Jesus, you're expected to \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus

*John 15:18-20*

Jesus has left you a pattern, a template so that you not only would expect to suffer for doing good like He did, but you'd know \_\_\_\_\_ to suffer for doing good, like He did . . .

*"I still believe that standing up for the truth of God is the greatest thing in the world. This is the end of life. The end of life is not to be happy. The end of life is not to achieve pleasure and avoid pain. The end of life is to do the will of God, come what may."*

**Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr.**

*"Instead, he entrusted himself to him who judges justly"*

"Will you \_\_\_\_\_ yourself to Him who judges justly?"

3. The strength of the sheep is in the watch of the \_\_\_\_\_

*1 Peter 2:25*

We need each other deeply and will continue to rightly \_\_\_\_\_ on each other as we're under the care of our Good Shepherd

**Now What?**

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Home Group Notes  
Week of May 9, 2020  
"A People Prepared"  
1 Peter 2:18-25



Home Groups are still sharing and encouraging with each other. You are invited to connect in a Home Group at any time. In addition, we are starting new online Home groups beginning in a few weeks. You can apply through our website at [www.trinityonline.org](http://www.trinityonline.org).

#### SHARE YOUR EXPERIENCE

Have you experienced unfair, unjust, or even harsh treatment from someone? How did you feel? How was this pain different? How did you respond?

#### LEARN FROM THE BIBLE

The purpose of this section is to help you grow deeper from God's Word.

Read through 1 Peter 2:18-25 and consider the following questions:

What is the key command? (18)

What is the reward of following this command? (19-20)

According to this passage, what is our calling? (21) What is our example?

If a friend saw you in a coffee shop and asked what you are learning about Jesus, what could you say from this passage? (i.e. His character, attitude, and actions) (21-25)

Let's look at the example of Jesus.

What did Jesus achieve (there are multiple things)? (24-25)

How could Jesus do this? What was His ultimate reason and desire? (23-24)

What was His purpose and motivation?

How does this command, attitude and purpose (18-21) also apply to other authorities? How does 'fairness' fit into our response to unjust suffering?

#### DISCUSSION TOGETHER

What are some situations where we might be treated unfairly or harshly?

Peter says it is our calling (v. 21) to follow Christ's example. What is His example? Does this seem unreal or too lofty? Why is this even possible for us?

How does remembering our own pardon adjust our response to people?

What helps you remember that Jesus rescued and brought you to Himself, our good Shepherd? How does this change how you respond to people?

#### PRAY TOGETHER

- Pray that we respond to our worlds with faith and grace
- Pray that we help others come to know the good Shepherd
- Pray for our global workers, especially those in difficult places
- Pray for Trinity family, especially those hit hard by these times (e.g. the infirmed, Light & Power, elderly, lonely, distressed)