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Sermon Notes for July 28th

“Caring Enough to Share”

“What’s Different About You?”

Sermon Text: **1 Peter 3:13-17 (p. 1295)**; Old Testament Text: **Psalm 40:9-10 (p. 594)**; Gospel Text: **Matthew 9:35-38 (p. 1035)**.

Read **1 Peter 3:13-17(NIV)** below as you listen to the sermon, then answer the questions below.

1 Peter 3:13-17(NIV): ¹³*Who is going to harm you if you are eager to do good?* ¹⁴*But even if you should suffer for what is right, you are blessed. “Do not fear their threats; do not be frightened.”* ¹⁵*But in your hearts revere Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect,* ¹⁶*keeping a clear conscience, so that those who speak maliciously against your good behavior in Christ may be ashamed of their slander.* ¹⁷*For it is better, if it is God’s will, to suffer for doing good than for doing evil.*

1. Read **1 Peter 3:13** above.

How likely are we to be harmed for doing good?

Why wouldn't most people hurt you for doing good?

2. Read **1 Peter 3:14** above.

Why does Peter think suffering for doing good wouldn't be something we should fear or worry about?

3. Read **1 Peter 3:15** above.

What does it mean to you to *revere Christ as Lord*?

What does it mean to *always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have*?

Why is it so important that we share our good news *with gentleness and respect*?

4. Read **1 Peter 3:16** above.

What does Paul mean by *keeping a clear conscience*?

How could our *good behavior in Christ* destroy someone's malicious witness against us?

5. Read **1 Peter 3:17** above.

Do you really think it's God will that we suffer for doing good?

6. Read **Psalm 40:9-10 (p. 594)**.

How has King David been careful to share the good things of the Lord with the rest of the world?

Why do you think we are so reluctant to share these good things with the people around us?

7. Read **Matthew 9:35-38 (p. 1035)**.

Why should **v. 37** encourage us to share the good news of Jesus Christ with the world around us?

What should our first response be to **Matthew 9:38**?

8. What will you remember most from this message?