

# GOSPEL HUMILITY AMIDST GOSPEL HOSTILITY

*1 Peter 3:8-17*

I. Humility leads to gospel compassion (vv. 8-14a).

II. Humility leads to gospel courage (vv. 14b-15a).

III. Humility leads to gospel conversation (vv. 15b-17).

## QUESTIONS FOR FAMILY WORSHIP

1. Peter begins his letter by calling us “elect exiles” (1:1). What do these two words mean? What do they teach Christians about how they should expect the world to treat them?
2. A humble church is a loving church. Where exactly is that love to be directed?
3. Why does Paul point us to the future blessing that awaits those who follow Christ (vv. 9, 14)? How is this blessing rooted in the gospel, and how does it free us to love our enemies?
4. Why do we fear people? What alone can deliver us from the fear of man?
5. What does Peter teach us about evangelism here? How does humility lead to opportunities to share the gospel with people?

## QUESTIONS FOR PRIVATE REFLECTION

1. Do I believe I am entitled to the world’s acceptance and tolerance? If so, where does this sense of entitlement come from?
2. Do I fear other people? Have I missed an open door for the gospel recently because I was afraid of what the person might say, think, or do? How can I intentionally fight against such man-fearing?
3. What is one practical thing I could do to seek to be a more faithful and joyful witness for Christ?