

**Specific Questions: Text: 1 Peter 3:13-16 Vision Statement**

1. We sometimes think of spiritual conversion as a quick transaction, like purchasing a product at the store. How long was the process for you to come to faith in Jesus?
2. List some ways that churches may function like a market for consumers.
3. Identify some issues, or decisions, a person may need to make prior to deciding to trust and follow Jesus.
4. Recognizing there are different forms of abuse, why do you think we hear about abuse so frequently in churches the last few decades?
5. Describe one way you have experienced Jesus, the Good Shepherd< protect you as one of His own?
6. Protecting the flock/congregation is a primary role of pastors/elders. How well is that understood by the Refuge congregation? Why is that perspective important?
7. What are some ways you could show the work of the elders to be protective shepherds, is valued?
8. Can you identify one area or truth you are still exploring about following Jesus?

**GENERAL QUESTIONS:**

1. What new concept did you learn from this week's text?
2. Is there anything in the text that you don't understand?
3. How does this text challenge you to change? Is there anything standing in your way of making that change?