

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

1. Describe a time you experienced Christian love? How did it affect you?
2. What are some ways you have seen love for God, love for neighbors, or love for other Christians at Refuge?
3. What parallels do you see between God's promise of blessing to the Israelites in Dt. 6 and Jesus promise to the twelve in Jn 14?
4. What are some things that hinder us from loving the way God expects? How do we overcome those things?
5. "Often church connections are based on doctrine & personalities." How do we get beyond that and make connections based on love?
6. Tertullian was influenced to become a Christian by looking at the contrasts between Christians and non-Christians. What are some ways Christians need to be more distinct from non-Christians today?
7. When you think of the phrase "a biblically functioning community of faith" how does love shape the way that community functions?

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?