

INTRODUCTION:

What is a character trait you are most attracted to in a friend? Why?

TAKE A LOOK AT THE BOOK:

Read 1 Peter 3:8-12

How do you define unity? Pastor Dave said that by unity of mind Peter meant "having the same convictions" or "moving in the same direction". What makes unity hard to keep in a group of different people?

Discuss the C.S. Lewis quote "Humility isn't thinking less of yourself, it's thinking of yourself less." Is this an accurate statement, why? If it's true what does it look like in our lives or how does it flesh out?

When we have been wronged why is our initial reaction to retaliate verbally or non-verbally?

Is there any other passage in Scripture that talks about controlling the tongue? (James 3:1-12) What does it say about controlling our speech?

TAKE IT HOME:

How can we maintain unity as a body of believers?

How can we prepare our minds and hearts ahead of time in order to respond to conflict the right way?

As you look at Peter's list of character traits are there those that you need the Spirit's help to work on in your life? Which ones?