



STRANGERS

IN A STRANGE LAND

Even When It's Hard

Pastor Jeff Thompson | 1 Peter 3:8–17

1. In 1 Peter 3:8, Peter reminds the church of the sort of conduct they should have as a church family. Why is this conduct so important to accomplish the mission?

2. How do you think those outside the church view Harvest? If applicable, what do you think we can do to improve that view?

3. What are some things going on in the broader culture that are shaping how people think of the church? Can anything be done to fix public perception?

4. Read Philippians 2:3-8. What practical ways can you “count others more significant than yourself”?

5. When do you find it most difficult to refrain from repaying evil?

6. As believers in Jesus we are called to be like him in character. What did he teach in Matthew 5:38-47 that is relevant for us today?

7. How does it make you feel knowing that “the eyes of the Lord are on the righteous, and his ears are open to their prayer?”

8. How should we make our defense according to v.15? Why should we make our defense in this way according to v.16?

9. What are some common questions you have received about your faith? What can you do to be ready to give a defense?
