Discipleship In A Hostile World
(The Nature of Christ)
1:27-2:11

1. According to this text, what is the calling of disciples of Christ?

2. What must the community of faith do in order to face the hostility of the world? Why is this important?

3. Describe the impact of a community of faith standing firm together does to their enemies and for the community of faith.

    a. Do you experience this in your community of faith?
    b. If you do, give an illustration where it has been true for you.
    c. If you do not, given talk about what was lacking and how its absence affected you.

4. What kind of suffering is described here?

5. If you have witnessed someone who believed suffering for Christ was a gift, described what you saw in his/her life and how it impacted your faith.

6. Identify the most important statements Paul makes about the nature of Jesus. Tell how they mold your faith.

7. What does the description of Jesus say about the nature of God?

8. Was Jesus rewarded for his humility and obedience or was he vindicated by God's response? What is the difference between the two?