



Life Group Discussion Guide
Suffering for Doing What's Right
1 Peter 4:12-19
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Main Thought: Refining fires produce precious metals.

Sunday Outline:

- Expect suffering
- Exult in suffering
- Examine your suffering
- Entrust your suffering

Welcome & Fellowship Time (*Suggested Time 10 Minutes*)

Open in Prayer

Week in Review: (*Suggested Sharing Time 10 minutes*)

- Share what gifts have you identified and how can you use them to serve the church and community?

Discussion Starter: (*Suggested Time 5 minutes*)

- Share a time when have you suffered because of your own foolhardiness?

Sermon Review: (*Suggested Time 20 minutes*).

Review 1 Peter 4:12-19 and discuss the following questions.

- How does suffering typically affect your emotions? Your prayer life? Your behavior?
- What attitude should believers have towards suffering? Why?
- What enables Christians to rejoice in the midst of trials?
- Of the three questions (am I suffering because I'm living in a Godly way, am I ashamed and am I seeking to reach the lost) which do you find most helpful? Most challenging?
- How can we commit ourselves to God when we're suffering?



Digging Deeper: *(Suggested Time 15 minutes)*

Read 2 Corinthians 4:1-18 and discuss the following questions.

- Why was Paul experiencing troubles in this passage? How does that relate to why we experience troubles?
- What was Paul's motivation for continuing in the midst of troubles? How can we develop this kind of motivation?
- What was Paul's ultimate hope and how did that sustain him?
- Why is it difficult to have an eternal perspective when it comes to our trials?

Application: *(Suggested Time 10 minutes)*

- Have you received God's Good News so you can experience victory rather than wrath?
- Are you living in a way that would draw opposition and persecution?
- If you are facing persecution and opposition, entrust it to Jesus, knowing He will comfort and strengthen you

Group Prayer Requests: *(Suggested Time 10 minutes)*

Spend time praying for each other & praying for application of the study in the lives of the group members. *(Suggested time 10 minutes)*