



Life Group Discussion Guide

**Living Out Christ's Victory**

**1 Peter 4:1-11**

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Main Thought: Living out Christ's victory involves suffering and glory.

Sunday Outline:

Living out Christ's victory...

- Demands single minded devotion (v.1-2)
- Invites public ridicule (v.3-4)
- Results in ultimate vindication (v.5-6)
- Helps one pray (v.7)
- Requires a love that covers over sin (v.8)
- Involves hospitality (v.9)
- Calls for utilizing one's spiritual gifts (v.10-11)

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

Open in Prayer

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

- What are the ways that you have experienced suffering for God's Kingdom?

Discussion Starter: (*Suggested Time 5 minutes*)

- As you review your life, what do you wish you had done differently and why?

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

Review 1 Peter 4:1-11 and discuss the following questions.

- What does suffering have to do with our personal relationship with Christ? (v.1)
- What is contrasted as a waste of time vs. being worthy of our time? (v.2-3)
- What is revealing about how a true Christian is viewed by the world? (v.4-6)
- How would you summarize Peter's point in verses 4 through 6?
- What are we responsible for maintaining in each other's lives in the end times? (v.7-11)
- What are all of our activities supposed to ultimately result in?



Digging Deeper: *(Suggested Time 15 minutes)*

Peter suggests that living out Christ's victory involves suffering and glory. In Philippians 2, the Apostle Paul talks about this theme, focusing on humility and glory.

- According to verses 3 through 4, how would you be able to show that someone is moving toward biblical humility?
- What does it mean that Christ emptied Himself?
- What resulted from Christ's obedient example of humility?
- Paul lists four characters who are examples of humility. Who are they? How is their humility manifested?

Application: *(Suggested Time 10 minutes)*

- Christ achieved victory through His death, resurrection and ascension. Have you experienced this victory personally?
- How have you handled public ridicule for your faith? How has God used public ridicule for your faith in your life?
- Share an experience where love has covered over sin in your life.
- How has God gifted you and how will you use those gifts for service to the church and community?

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)*