



July 12 Discussion Questions
Suffering & Glory – 1 Peter 4:12-19
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The Key verses in 1 Peter are 1 Peter 2:11-12. What do these verses say about this world and suffering and how we should live as Christians?

1 Peter 4:12 tells us not to be surprised when we suffer for Christ. Why should we not be surprised? Does that mean that we should be suffering? Are we suffering? If not, why not? Is that okay?

Verse 13 tells us to rejoice in suffering for Christ. Why would we ever rejoice in suffering?

Verse 14 tells us we are blessed if we are insulted for Christ. Why? What is the significance of the Spirit resting on us?

What does verse 17 mean when it says that it is time for judgement to come on the household of God? What is this judgement? How does it fit with the gospel? How does it fit with all the times God's glory is mentioned?

Verses 17 and 18 talk about the judgement that is coming on those who don't know Christ. How is this judgement different than the judgement that is coming on the household of God? How should that motivate us to think differently about suffering?

What shifts need to take place in our thinking to be able to respond to suffering like this? How does the gospel help us with this shift? How does Romans 12:1-2 speak into this?

This shift in mindset about suffering is hard. Read 1 Peter 4:16 and Mark 14:66-72. Is it encouraging to know the story of the man who wrote this letter? How does this help you to commit yourself to the faithful Creator and continue to do good, even in the face of suffering?