

TAKEAWAY

How to Live Right Now

Part Ten: 1 Peter 4:12-19

DESIRED OUTCOMES

To learn what Peter has to say about suffering

To consider different types of suffering that can come upon us

To be encouraged that in Christ there is hope that in all circumstances, we can be blessed

SHARE

Share any experiences from last time's try-outs

Has there been a time in your life that was really difficult in the moment, but looking back you're glad you went through it?

READ

1 Peter 4:12-19

DISCUSS

Verses 12 and 13 tell us that suffering is to be expected for Christians, but we should rejoice in it. Why do you think suffering is likely and how is it possible to respond in rejoicing?

Ian shared the story of two of his friends, a former Muslim and a former Hindu, both who had found Jesus but lost a lot in the process. What struck you about their stories?

What is it that draws you to Jesus? What has helped you persevere during hard times?

Encourage everyone to share.

Verse 15 says: *If you suffer, it should not be as a murderer or thief or any other kind of criminal, or even as a meddler. However, if you suffer as a Christian, do not be ashamed, but praise God that you bear that name.*

How does suffering as a meddler versus suffering as a Christian differ? What does it specifically mean to "suffer as a Christian"?

READ

1 Peter 2:13-15

DISCUSS

How does this instruct us with regards to our behaviour in the world? How might this relate to suffering?

1 Peter 4:6-9 talks about judgement, meaning in this case suffering being used to help us to become more like Jesus. It says it will be so much harder for those who do not obey the gospel. How does the gospel help us to suffer well?

PRAY

Pray for one another according to anything that came up in the discussion.

Pray for Christians around the world who are suffering for their faith.

Pray that we will be strengthened so that we do not run from suffering, but learn to see it in the light of Jesus' eternal Glory.

TRY OUT

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