

1 PETER



PETER 1:7

THESE HAVE COME SO THAT THE PROVEN GENUINENESS
OF YOUR FAITH OF GREATER WORTH THAN GOLD,
WHICH PERISHES EVEN THOUGH REFINED BY FIRE, MAY
RESULT IN PRAISE, GLORY AND HONOR WHEN JESUS
CHRIST IS REVEALED.

SMALL GROUP GUIDE

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Suffering for Christ

One of the dominant themes of the letter of First Peter is suffering. It's part of the very fabric of the world we live in every day. In 1 Peter 4:12-19, the Apostle Peter invites us to consider the nature of Christian suffering — namely, the presence of God in suffering, the meaning of suffering within the divine plan, and our unique responses to suffering as followers of Jesus.

Read 1 Peter 4:12-19.

- Have you ever suffered because of your Christian faith?
- What does it mean to participate in the sufferings of Christ (1 Peter 3:13)? (see Matthew 10:22)
- What does it mean that judgment begins with God's household (1 Peter 4:17)? (See Malachi 3:1-4; Romans 5:3-4)
- How does your faith inform your view of suffering (1 Peter 4:12)? (see 1 Peter 1:6-7; Romans 8:18)
- What is our greatest resource in times of suffering (1 Peter 4:14)? (see Luke 12:11-12; 1 Corinthians 2:9-10)
- How has your suffering been a source of service to others (1 Peter 4:19)? (see 2 Corinthians 1:5-7)

Praying together

Holy Spirit, give me Your strength to endure suffering as I seek to better know and do God's will.