



SERMON DISCUSSION GUIDE

"Why Suffering?"

1 Peter 4:1-11

SERMON NOTES

GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- 1) Read *1 Peter 1:18-20 and 3:18*. Identify and discuss what Jesus had to do to “search and rescue” us. What was the purpose of this rescue with regard to sinful living?
- 2) Why do you think *1 Peter 4:1* begins with “Since therefore Christ suffered...arm yourselves with the same way of thinking”? Discuss the significance of this statement. Do you think this links us to Jesus as described in the verses mentioned above? Are we also on a “search and rescue mission” for others? What do you think this means for how we think and live? Work on some specific examples in your life. Choose one area that you will address this week.
- 3) What does Peter mean in *1 Peter 4:2* when he says that a believer who suffered in his body is “ceased from sin.” Discuss possible meanings. In what way does suffering change our priorities and values?
- 4) How does suffering in *1 Peter 4:2* change your agenda for living God’s will?
- 5) What does *1 Peter 4:3-6* instruct us about mocking and opposition to living for Christ? Discuss specific ways that your attitude should be impacted in the face of opposition.
- 6) What does it mean in *1 Peter 4:7* that “all of life is eschatological?” Are the last days only the Second Coming of Jesus? Read *1 Peter 1:20; 1 Corinthians 10:11; Hebrews 1:2; Hebrews 9:26*. Do you think we are missing a Biblical understanding of our present life situation? How does this impact how I see life today? Be specific in your discussion.
- 7) Read *1 Peter 4:8-11*. What do you see that addresses: Relationships, Gifts, Grace, Serving, Speaking? Does this motivate you in these areas? Discuss how, why and what?