

LIVING AS EXILES

A SERIES IN 1ST PETER

MESSAGE NOTES & DISCUSSION GUIDE WEEK 7 – SUFFERING FOR DOING GOOD

SCRIPTURE PASSAGES

1 Peter 3:8-22; Matthew 5:10; Acts 2:42-47, 4:31; Philippians 3:10; 2 Timothy 2:11-13

The blessings of suffering for doing good are
spiritual _____ and spiritual _____

OUR SPIRITUAL INTIMACY

Persecution draws us closer _____ and closer _____

OUR SPIRITUAL IMPACT

- Suffering for Christ will engage us in the _____ of Christ
- Suffering with Christ will heighten _____ in Christ

OUR SPIRITUAL RESPONSE

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OUR SPIRITUAL REALITY

We can't _____ if we are not willing to _____
_____ (Timothy 2:11-13)

DIGGING DEEPER

1. **Read Matthew 5:10-11.** When Jesus uses the word “persecution,” what sort of things come to mind? How did Jesus clarify things a bit in verse 11?
2. To the best of your knowledge, have you ever suffered a little or a lot for doing good or for living a righteous life in Christ?
3. Why do exiles often suffer persecution? How does this apply to our being exiles for Christ?
4. Why should facing opposition draw us closer to each other? What might hinder that from happening?

5. Why does greater spiritual intimacy between believers give us greater spiritual intimacy with God?
6. **Read I Peter 3:15.** This verse challenges us to be prepared to “give an answer for the hope that we have.” How do we do that?
7. It does not seem that we are often asked about the hope we have. What might be some reasons?
8. The redemption of lost people requires some suffering on our part. What are some forms that might take?