

LIVING AS EXILES

A SERIES IN 1ST PETER

MESSAGE NOTES & DISCUSSION GUIDE WEEK 9 – SUFFERING FOR THE NAME

SCRIPTURE PASSAGES

1 Peter 4:12-19; Matthew 24:9-13; Philippians 3:10-11; Acts 5:41-42; Romans 10:11

LIVING AS MODERN-DAY EXILES

- Suffering for Christ should never _____ as a _____
- Suffering because of Christ will _____ to _____ because of Christ
- There is no _____ in suffering for Jesus' _____

DIGGING DEEPER

1. What are some reasons that followers of Jesus might suffer because of their faith in Him?
2. Why are some believers surprised when they are called to suffer for following Jesus?
3. How can an eternal perspective help us persevere in the midst of any pain, loss, or suffering we experience because of Christ?
4. How does God use suffering as a way of judging His family?
5. Why does Peter say it is hard for the righteous to be saved?
6. What does this mean for those who remain sinners?
7. How can we choose to rejoice in the face of suffering?
8. What are some of the wrong reasons to suffer?
9. What does it mean that we shouldn't suffer for meddling?
10. **Read 1 Peter 4:19.** How did Peter tell the believers to respond to their suffering?
11. How should this inform our own response to suffering for Christ?
12. In what ways did Jesus endure shame on our behalf?
13. How can this give us hope and build trust in the face of suffering?
14. What is the promise of God in Romans 10:11, and how might this help us remain unashamed of Christ and His name?