

Text: 1Pet 4:12-19 “Prepared For the Worst”

1. Describe a time you're caught off-guard, because you were unprepared, and it had a negative outcome. How did that change you?
2. Have you encountered rejection or ridicule for your faith in Christ? How did you respond? If/when it happens again, how will your response be different?
3. According to 1Pet 4:14 how does God give us strength to endure spiritual opposition? How well do you benefit from that resource?
4. How does the warning in 4:15 help you prepare for persecution?
5. Why might the label “Christian” appear only 3 times in the New Testament? Is it good that the label is so common today? Why?
6. Murder and theft are clear concepts in our language. What does “evil” include (biblically) that Christians might commit?
7. Suppose a church became convicted by the exhortation of 4:17 and they came to you for counsel wanting to know how to apply that admonition. How would you counsel them?

GENERAL QUESTIONS:

1. What new concept did you learn from this week's text?
2. Is there anything in the text that you don't understand?
3. How does this text challenge you to change? Is there anything standing in your way of making that change?