

SUFFER WELL

1 PETER 1:6-9

SERMON

TITLE

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GROUP DISCUSSION

OPENING DISCUSSION

Read 1 Peter 1:6-9 as a group and pray together. Reflecting on the sermon this past week, what surprised you, stood out to you, or was new to you? Did anything specifically convict you?

FROM THE MESSAGE

1. Peter begins verse 6 with, "In this you rejoice." According to the message, what is the "this" Peter is pointing back to in verses 3-5? How does one's perspective of suffering play into this? When you rejoice in suffering, what will your perspective be?
2. What is God's purpose behind our suffering in this life? What does a refined faith look like? How can your praise increase because of suffering?
3. What does it mean to set your eyes on Jesus in the midst of suffering? What results when you do?
4. What is the outcome of our faith? How does this outcome encourage us today?

FOR OUR LIVES

1. What is your perspective on your suffering? What is one practical way you could intentionally rejoice in your salvation this week, regardless of your circumstances?
2. Is there a trial in your past that you can now look back on and see how God strengthened or refined your faith? How should remembering His faithfulness then affect the way you respond to difficulties now?
3. The message challenged us not merely to endure suffering but to allow it to increase our praise. What would praising God in the middle of your present circumstances actually look like?
4. When suffering dominates your attention, what practices help you intentionally set your eyes on Jesus rather than your circumstances?
5. What current circumstance would look different if you consistently viewed it in light of the eternity God has promised you?