



Sermon Discussion Questions

May the Word of God SHAPE and MOLD us into the image of Jesus!

CHECK INS: Let's check in with each other; how are we doing folks?

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6.7.26 - SERMON RECAP:

This week we continue in our series: Disciples of Jesus—looking at 1 Peter 4:12-19. Peter reminds believers that suffering for Christ is not strange or unexpected. Instead, seasons of testing can become opportunities for God to refine our faith, deepen our identification with Jesus, and help us treasure His glory above every lesser glory this world offers. Read 1 Peter 4:12-19 together and consider some discussion questions to allow this passage to change our every day lives!

DIGGING DEEPER:

1. We talked about the idea that every person is a "glory seeker." What are some of the "lesser glories" that can capture our hearts and compete with the glory of Jesus?
2. What glory or pursuit currently has the strongest pull on your heart?
3. Read: I Peter 4:12; John 16:33. Why do many Christians still find themselves surprised when suffering, hardship, or opposition comes into their lives?
4. How might your perspective change if you viewed your current challenges as part of normal Christian discipleship?
5. Read: I Peter 4:12–13; James 1:2–4. Peter compares suffering to a refining fire. What impurities or misplaced priorities can God expose and remove through seasons of testing?
6. Looking back on a difficult season, what did God teach or refine in you?
7. Read: I Peter 4:13; Romans 5:3–5. Peter tells believers to rejoice while suffering. How is biblical joy different from pretending everything is okay? What helps you maintain joy and hope during difficult circumstances?
8. Read: I Peter 4:16; Matthew 10:32–33. We were challenged to openly identify ourselves as belonging to Christ. Why can it be difficult to publicly associate with Jesus in today's culture?
9. Do your neighbors, coworkers, friends, and family clearly know that you belong to Jesus?
10. Read: I Peter 4:14–16; II Timothy 3:12. Peter says believers may be insulted or marginalized because of Christ. What forms of opposition do Christians commonly experience today?
11. How do you typically respond as your faith makes you stand out or creates tension with others?
12. Read: I Peter 4:16; Philippians 1:20–21. What does it practically mean to glorify God in suffering rather than simply endure it?
13. Read: I Peter 4:17–18; II Corinthians 5:10. Believers will give an account for how they stewarded their lives for Christ's glory. How should this truth influence the way we use our time, talents, and treasure?

How Does ALL THIS Apply to our Values?



Gospel Transformation

Compassionate Engagement



Authentic Relationship

Kingdom Multiplication

