



House Church Study Questions Based on the SAC Sermon on October 4, 2020

Sermon: Suffering and the Gospel

Text: 1 Peter 1:3-12

Gathering Guidelines

-Watch Pastor Brian's intro video for this week.

Right click, then click on 'open hyperlink'.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KBiV8-cw5Ic>

Take some time to worship

Right click, then click on 'open hyperlink'.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kyLL04p0ms8>

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iJCV_2H9xD0

Read

1 Peter 1:3-12

Discussion Questions

Question #1: Suffering is something that God talks to us about in His word. It is a reality of life. Peter talks to his group of believers and acknowledges they are experiencing 'grief in all kinds of trials.'

Can you think of one kind of grief or trial that you are currently experiencing, and would you be willing to share it with your group?

Question #2: Peter starts our passage by talking about God's great mercy in giving us a new birth in Jesus. He describes it as a 'living hope'.

What does 'living hope' mean to you? Read Hebrews 12:1-3 to help you in this.

Question #3: It says in our passage that one thing we can expect in our relationship with God through Jesus is that through faith we "are shielded by

God's power until the coming of the salvation that is ready to be revealed in the last time."

Can you think of ways that God shields you in the midst of your suffering?

Look up these verses that talk about God shielding us and then talk about the question above.

Psalm 28:7, Psalm 18:2, Psalm 33:20, Psalm 84:11, Psalm 89:18, Psalm 3:3

Question #4: Peter compares the suffering of the believers with salvation and says that in comparison salvation is able to provide these things: Inexpressible and glorious joy.

Read what Paul says in Philippians 3:7-11.

What does it mean to you that you can be in the midst of suffering and still be filled with joy?

Invitation and Mission for this week

Memorize Psalm 28:7

Ask the Lord to help your heart to trust Him and to increase your joy in Him.

Ask the Lord for opportunity this week to share the joy of the Lord with someone else who really needs it.

Pray for each other

Pray as you see fit. Encourage each other in prayer and pray that salvation in Jesus would bring strength in the midst of suffering.