

SUFFER WELL

A FIELD GUIDE FROM
1ST & 2ND PETER

WEEKLY STUDY GUIDE

Week 14: Carried By The Spirit

SERIES OVERVIEW

Suffering is a natural consequence of surrender. As we surrender in greater ways to the Lordship of Jesus, we should expect persecution and difficulty especially as we find ourselves living in a negative world. 1st Peter encourages believers to persevere faithfully in light of their present hope and future salvation.

2 PETER OVERVIEW

For a summary, timeline, background, message and purpose of 2nd Peter, go to your [Suffer Well Field Guide page 47](#).

- [Watch Overview](#) (Watch as a group)

CONTEXT

In 2 Peter 1:12-21, Peter emphasizes the importance of remembering the teachings of Jesus and the prophetic word. He reassures his readers that their faith is based on eyewitness testimony and divine revelation, not cleverly devised myths.

THE BIG IDEA

The written Word speaks of the Incarnate Word, and every word came from the Holy Spirit. Scripture points to the glory of Jesus and demands our full attention.

ICEBREAKER

Peter recognized that his days were numbered. If you knew you had 6 months to live, how would you live your life differently concerning relationships, time, money, relationship w/ Jesus, evangelism, forgiveness, bucket list, etc?

SCRIPTURE: 2 Peter 1:12-21

12 Therefore I intend always to remind you of these qualities, though you know them and are established in the truth that you have. 13 I think it right, as long as I am in this body, to stir you up by way of reminder, 14 since I know that the putting off of my body will be soon, as our Lord Jesus Christ made clear to me. 15 And I will make every effort so that after my departure you may be able at any time to recall these things.

16 For we did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we were eyewitnesses of his majesty. 17 For when he received honor and glory from God the Father, and the voice was borne to him by the Majestic Glory, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased," 18 we ourselves heard this very voice borne from heaven, for we were with him on the holy mountain. 19 And we have the prophetic word more fully confirmed, to which you will do well to pay attention as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts, 20 knowing this first of all, that no prophecy of Scripture comes from someone's own interpretation. 21 For no prophecy was ever produced by the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.

[Here's a link to the Summer email!](#)

Use it as a guide to create your group's summer calendar.

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GROUP DISCUSSION

STARTER QUESTION: Refer to your notes in your Suffer Well Field Guide (pg. 56), what is one thing that stood out to you from the sermon and why do you think God wants you to remember this truth?

Read 2 Peter 1:12-21.

Verse 12 starts with "Therefore" which means Peter is referencing the qualities he listed in the preceding verses (2 Peter 1:5-9). Look up the qualities in verses 1:5-9 and share what Peter means by "to stir you up by way of reminder" (verse 14) as it relates to these qualities.

Deeper Community: Referencing verse 13, Pastor Will talked about remembering what God has done is righteous and vital to establishing God's truth in your life. Share one thing that God has done in your life that impacts you today and increases your faith.

How does Peter's awareness of his impending death (verse 14) influence the urgency of his message?

Why is Peter's eyewitness testimony of Jesus' majesty and the divine voice significant for the early church and for us today? (verses 16-17)

How does Peter's account of the Transfiguration (verses 16-18) reinforce the validity of his message?

Group discussion continued: How can we apply the concept of "paying attention as to a lamp shining in a dark place" (verse 19) in our daily lives?

How do verses 20-21 give us hope and help us trust the Bible?

How does the Holy Spirit play a role in prophecy according to verses 20- 21?

PRAYER (In gender based groups)

*Share praises, answered prayers, and prayer requests.

Closing Prayer (together as a group)

Heavenly Father, we thank You for the steadfast teachings and the prophetic word that Peter reminds us of in your Word. May our faith be strengthened by reflection of what you've done, anchored in facts of what you have done in our lives, and may our faith be strengthened by your Word. God we remember your power and goodness. Amen