SUFFER | A FIELD GUIDE FROM 1ST & 2ND PETER

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.

CONTEXT

In 1 Peter 1:10-21, Peter highlights the prophets' diligent search for the salvation that is now revealed through Christ, emphasizing the priceless nature of this gift. He urges believers to live holy lives, grounded in the redemption purchased by Jesus' sacrificial blood, and to maintain a reverent fear of God throughout their sojourn on earth.

1 PETER VIDEO OVERVIEW

Watch HERE

SCRIPTURE: 1 Peter 1:10-21

10 Concerning this salvation, the prophets who prophesied about the grace that was to be yours searched and inquired carefully, 11 inquiring what person or time the Spirit of Christ in them was indicating when he predicted the sufferings of Christ and the subsequent glories. 12 It was revealed to them that they were serving not themselves but you, in the things that have now been announced to you through those who preached the good news to you by the Holy Spirit sent from heaven, things into which angels long to look.

WEEKLY STUDY GUIDE

WEEK 2: Be Holy

Scripture continued. 13 Therefore, preparing your minds for action, and being sober-minded, set your hope fully on the grace that will be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ. 14 As obedient children, do not be conformed to the passions of your former ignorance, 15 but as he who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct, 16 since it is written, "You shall be holy, for I am holy." 17 And if you call on him as Father who judges impartially according to each one's deeds, conduct yourselves with fear throughout the time of your exile, 18 knowing that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, 19 but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot. 20 He was foreknown before the foundation of the world but was made manifest in the last times for the sake of you 21 who through him are believers in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God.

THE BIG IDEA

The right response to the Gospel is a life of holiness. We don't live like the world. We live set apart from the world because we don't belong to it.

ICEBREAKER

Share a time when you stood in awe or even disbelief to what was happening around you. (This can be a time when you stood in awe of what God did or could be a sporting event/performance that you witnessed, etc)

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STARTER QUESTION

What is one thing that stood out to you from the sermon and why do you think God wants you to remember this truth?

GROUP DISCUSSION

Watch the <u>1 Peter Overview</u> as a group.

Read 1 Peter 1:10-21 as a group. Underline any <u>commands</u> and circle the word "holy" everytime it is written.

Read verse 13. Pastor James talked about how instead of setting our hope fully on eternity, we set some hope on worldly things. What worldly things do you intentionally or unintentionally hope in?

How do the prophecies about Jesus' sufferings and subsequent glories (Ps. 22:16, Isaiah 53:5) enhance your faith in the Bible's trustworthiness?

What does it mean to be holy in all your conduct, as God is holy (1 Peter 1:15-16)?

How does understanding that we were ransomed by the precious blood of Christ (1 Peter 1:18-19) influence the way you see God and live your life?

Fear God = great reverence, deep respect, proper awe. How is this similar to how you actually "fear" God? How has this changed over the years as you have matured in your faith?

Deeper Community: Share a time when you were overwhelmed by the goodness of God and that led you to tell someone the good news of the Gospel.

If that has never happened to you, then ask

God to overwhelm you with His goodness that flows from the Gospel.

PRAYER

*For a deeper and more responsive prayer time, separate into smaller (3-6 people) men's groups and women's groups or couples.

Share praises, answered prayers and prayer requests.

Pray for your ONE by name!

Begin with prayer
Listen to their story
Eat with them
Serve them
Share your story and the story of Jesus

Closing Prayer

Heavenly Father, thank You for the salvation foretold by the prophets and revealed through Christ's sufferings and subsequent glories. Help us to cherish this grace and live in awe of the good news that brings hope to us and everyone we share the Gospel with. Amen.