

SUFFER WELL

A FIELD GUIDE FROM
1ST & 2ND PETER

WEEKLY STUDY GUIDE

Week 18: While You Wait

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 3:14-18, believers are encouraged to live in peace and strive for holiness while awaiting the Lord's return, considering the patience of the Lord as an opportunity for salvation. They are also urged to grow in the grace and knowledge of Jesus Christ, being cautious of false teachings and steadfast in their faith.

THE BIG IDEA

As we wait on Christ to return, we live Christlike lives in our broken world. We grow in grace for the glory of God and the good of those who need to be saved by Him.

SCRIPTURE: 2 Peter 3:14-18

14 Therefore, beloved, since you are waiting for these, be diligent to be found by him without spot or blemish, and at peace.

15 And count the patience of our Lord as salvation, just as our beloved brother Paul also wrote to you according to the wisdom given him, 16 as he does in all his letters when he speaks in them of these matters. There are some things in them that are hard to understand, which the ignorant and unstable twist to their own destruction, as they do the other Scriptures. 17 You therefore, beloved, knowing this beforehand, take care that you are not carried away with the error of lawless people and lose your own stability. 18 But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be the glory both now and to the day of eternity. Amen.

ICEBREAKER

Summer is here! What was your favorite summer food/snack growing up and your earliest memory of having it? (I remember eating watermelon and spitting seeds. Mom made us eat outside then hosed us down. I remember loving homemade ice cream but having to turn the crank for what seemed like 2 hrs was not worth it.)

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? (Refer to your notes in your Suffer Well Field Guide, page 68)

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GROUP DISCUSSION

Read 2 Peter 3:14-18 as a group.

In reference to verse 14, Pastor James told us that to “be diligent” means to commit. What does it look like to commit “to be found by Him without spot or blemish?” How did Pastor James define *positionally pure* and *practically pure*?

What does it mean to be found by Him “at peace” and what tries to rob us of the peace that is ours in Christ?

Look up 2 Corinthians 10:5. How can this verse help us to live in peace?

Compare Ezekiel 33:11 in relation to “count the patience of the Lord as salvation” in verse 15. What does this tell us about God’s heart towards people lost in sin and why Jesus has not returned? How does God’s patience impact your relationship with your ONE?

How does knowing God’s Word help us “take care that you are not carried away with the error of lawless people and lose your own stability”? (vs. 17)

How is God’s Word like a mirror and a microscope? Share an example when God’s Word was a mirror and/or a microscope in your life?

Discuss what growing in the grace and knowledge of Jesus looks like for you (vs. 18). How does knowing that *Jesus has more grace in him than you have sin in you* impact your relationship with Him?

Group discussion continued:

What is your big “Take Away” from Suffer Well and how has it impacted your relationship with Jesus and God’s Word?

PRAYER (In gender based groups)

*Share praises, answered prayers, and prayer requests. Pray for each other as we grow in the grace and wisdom of Jesus.

Closing Prayer (together as a group)

God, may you find us a people who suffer well as we grow in our knowledge of You, follow you with everything we’ve got and help others do the same. Thank you Jesus, amen!

Summer Seminars

June 16 & July 28

\$15 (per class)

COME AS A GROUP

[REGISTER HERE](#)

Monday, June 16th

Family Discipleship: Leading Your Home Through Time, Moments and Milestones.
(6:00pm, led by Devin Burris)

Better Together: Marriage & Relationships.
This is for people in all stages of life.
(7:30pm, led by Rick & Julie Biesiadecki)

Monday, July 28th

Apologetics: The importance & practices of defending your faith. (6:00pm)

Gospel Fluency: Speaking the Truths of Jesus Into the Everyday Stuff of Life. 7pm)