

Community Group Discussion Guide
1 Peter 4:12-19
(Week of March 19, 2023)

Getting to know you:

1. Has someone ever made fun of you, and how did you respond?
2. Looking back at the sermon from this week's teaching, was there anything you heard for the first time caught your attention, was reminded of or a big takeaway for you?
3. Take a few minutes and read aloud 1 Peter 4:12-19

Getting into the text:

4. Read 1 Peter 4:12 Why are Christians often surprised by spiritual attacks?
 1. What does Peter mean by the words fiery ordeals?
 2. Read 1 Peter 4:12 and Ephesians 6:16. Both speak of Christians under attack. What are the differences between these texts?
 3. Peter writes very plainly that Christian suffering is part of the journey. How does this truth differ from today's popular preaching?
5. Read 1 Peter 4:13 What about this verse grab's your attention?
 1. Is it possible to suffer and rejoice at the same time?
 2. In the context of the verse, define what rejoicing would look like in our lives.
 3. What is the glory that is to be revealed?
 4. Read 1 Peter 4:14 In what ways were these early Christians ridiculed?
6. Read 1 Peter 4:15-19. What about these verses stands out to you?
 1. When reading 1 Peter 4:15, Peter states we should not be murderers or melpers. What truth do you believe Peter is attempting to communicate?
 2. Read 1 Peter 4:18. Peter states that a righteous person is saved with difficulty. What is the point of this statement?
 3. Read 1 Peter 4:19 Do you agree or disagree that the will of God may be the cause of our sufferings?
 4. Read 1 Thessalonians 5:18 Discuss ways to be thankful in all circumstances.

Pray that as you and I suffer for righteousness we will remain faithful.