



Suffering in the life of a Believer

1 Peter 4:12-19

Main Idea of Text

Suffering comes to all believers. We are told to not only expect it but to prepare for it when it comes. God calls us to suffer well, using the season to grow in our understanding in who He is as well as to deepen our faith in Him.

A People Prepared

- A life of surprises
- Being prepared as a Scriptural call
- 1 Peter 3:15
- Suffering defined
- Suffering as a test
- Ways to prepare

Rejoicing in the Midst of Suffering

- *“Instead”*
- Seeming contradictions
- Sharing in the sufferings of Christ
- Rejoicing with great joy
- 1 Peter 4:7-11
- How do you view the suffering and trials in your life?

Trust in the Midst of Suffering

- Verses 17-19
- What does it mean to trust someone or something?
- In the midst of suffering, do you trust God?
- Who God is and why He is worthy to be trusted

Next Steps

- How can you better prepare yourself for a season of suffering? What might that look like?
- If you are in a season of suffering, are you enduring it in a time of isolation, or to deepen your roots in God?

