

For the week of October 18, 2020

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How To Suffer

Sixth week in the series: FLOURISH

1 Peter 2:21-25

Pain is an inescapable part of life, but many of us don't know what to do when we find ourselves in a place of suffering. After discussing how believers ought to relate to government and slaves to their masters, Peter takes a step back to give some general instructions on how to suffer well. He offers the life of Jesus as an example, gives us concrete suggestions to follow in the midst of pain, and offers an incredibly hopeful picture of how suffering fits into God's plan for the world. In learning how to experience pain, we find the freedom of hope in Christ.

Discussion Questions:

1. Why do you think people are so often surprised by suffering?
2. How does the calling of the Christian life differ from the American Dream?
3. What do you tend to do when you experience pain? How do you usually cope with it?
4. Which of the five steps of suffering stands out to you as the most difficult? Which seems the most natural?
5. How have you seen suffering result in something positive for another person?