



Connection Group Participant Guide February 21, 2021

1 Peter 4:12-19

Memory Verse

Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery trial when it comes upon you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. But rejoice insofar as you share Christ's sufferings, that you may also rejoice and be glad when his glory is revealed. – 1 Peter 4:12-13

Key Principles

We may still wonder why God allows the righteous to suffer and ask what possible purpose it can serve. Peter's answer: it is the appointed time for God to sift and purify his own "house" and to prepare it for full communion with Himself. Our task is to "hand over" our lives "to a faithful creator," knowing that after he has purified us, he will vindicate us just as he vindicated his Son. We are called to remember God's promise in Psalm 55:22, "Cast your burden on the LORD, and He will sustain you; He will never permit the righteous to be moved."

Highlight

What is Peter's main point in 4:12-19? What's the one thing he wants his readers to do according to these verses?

Explain

What's the "good" that Peter wants to do after entrusting our souls to God?

Apply

Rate your trust in God from 1 to 10 (1 = I find it very hard to trust God, 10 = Trusting Him is second-nature to me) and explain your answer.

Respond in Prayer

- Adoration: Give God praise for the things that you see in this passage.
- Confession: Confess your known sins to God.
- Thanksgiving: Thank God that He Himself is your shelter and refuge.
- Supplication: Ask God to guard over the saints, protecting them against the evil one.