



1 PETER 4:1-6

'Since therefore Christ suffered in the flesh, arm yourselves with the same way of thinking, for whoever has suffered in the flesh has ceased from sin, so as to live for the rest of time in the flesh no longer for human passions but for the will of God. For the time that is past suffices for doing what the Gentiles want to do...With respect to this they are surprised when you do don't join them in the same flood of debauchery, and they malign you; but they will give account to him who is ready to judge the living and the dead.'

1 PETER 4:12-19

'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...Therefore let those who suffer according to God's will entrust their souls to a faithful Creator...'

Life Together is Better Than life Alone

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FACING THE FIRE

1. If you could sum up how you are doing in this season using one word, what would you say?
2. Read 1 Peter 4:1-2.
 - a. Why is it important that Peter starts talking about suffering with the suffering of Jesus?
 - b. In what ways does knowing Jesus suffered help you in the pain you feel?
3. Of the list below, which one describes how you normally respond to pain or suffering? Share why.
 - a. Ignore it. Escape it. Numb it. Accept it
4. Read 1 Peter 4:4.
 - a. How does knowing God will get the last word change how you respond to injustice in this life?
5. How does Jesus make a difference in our response to pain? Use 1 Peter 4:12-16 to guide your discussion.
6. Share with the group one place in your life where you need Jesus to be present and one person you know who is hurting right now. Then, pray for each other and for that person.