

“Don’t Be Surprised - Suffering Happens”

What We’ve Learned So Far - 1 Peter 1:1 – 4:11

- The glories and implications of our salvation
- Christians are to live honorably in all circumstances – leaders, work, marriage, family
- We are Living Stones – testimonies to the world of God’s work in us.
- We are Stewards of God’s grace
- If we are living in a true countercultural way – we can count on push back

How to Deal with Suffering When It Comes, 1 Peter 4:12-16

- Don’t be surprised when it happens – it _____ and _____ who you are in Christ.
- Find comfort in your suffering – you have a _____ with Jesus.
- Being able to rejoice in suffering here prepares us to be _____ in _____.
- However, if you suffer because you did something wrong, _____ you’re “suffering for Jesus” – you deserve it!

Everyone Will Someday Be Judged, 1 Peter 4:17-18

- Any suffering we experience as Christians is temporary – Heaven is coming!
- Christians are judged in the light of the _____ and the _____ of Christ.
- Imagine what it’ll be like for those who do not believe the Gospel.

