



Reflection Questions

January 25, 2026

Fires of Restoration

1 Peter 4:12-16

As we continue our journey through 1 Peter together, this week we address a topic that touches all of our lives in different ways—suffering—and more importantly, how we can understand it through the lens of God's redemptive work.

Reflection Questions:

1. How does viewing suffering as 'birth pains' of the new creation change your perspective on the trials you are currently facing in your life?
2. In what ways have you experienced God's refining fire burning away impurities in your heart, and what spiritual growth resulted from that process?
3. Peter warns against suffering due to our own sin rather than for Christ's sake. How can you honestly assess whether your current struggles stem from faithfulness to Christ or from your own sinful choices?
4. What does it mean practically to 'rejoice' in suffering, and how can we cultivate this biblical perspective when our natural instinct is to avoid pain?
5. Scripture describes believers as exiles in the wilderness being nourished by God while pursued by the dragon. How does this imagery help you understand your current position in the world?
6. When have you been tempted to hide your faith to avoid ridicule or persecution, and what would it look like to stand firm in those moments instead?
7. How does understanding the spiritual battle behind physical suffering help you maintain faith when trials seem pointless or overwhelming?
8. What would change in your daily life if you truly believed that your fiery trials are God's way of preparing you for the glory that is to come?