



## 1 Peter 2:18-25

### Getting Started

When experiencing strong negative emotions, are you more of a “reactor” or a “stuffer”?

### Discussion

What stood out from this past weekend's sermon?

As you read v. 18, consider some issues newly converted slaves may have encountered in Peter's day. How would Peter answer them and how is that answer relevant today?

As you read vs. 18-20, what is the motivation for enduring unjust suffering? Why is it a “gracious thing”?

What is your usual reaction when you are treated unfairly or unjustly, misunderstood, or face hardship?

In verses 24-25, it shifts from Christ as an “example” to Christ as a “redeemer.” What reasons does Paul give for Christ bearing our sin? What relationship does this have to our suffering?

### As you go

What is one way you can show honor to your employer this week? In addition to enduring any unjust suffering under them and submitting to their authority, how might you bless them with a kind word, an encouraging act, a thoughtful gift, or by working this week in a particular way? If you're a boss over employees, what can you do to honor your employees in similar ways? If you're currently not employed, who is an authority that you can bless in some way this week?

### Prayer

Pray for any needs anyone has and share any ways that God has shown up in your life.

Have someone in your Group read Isaiah 53 out loud in its entirety. After the reading is done, take time as a Group praying through anything from the chapter that caught your heart. For example, my heart was grabbed by “upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace...” I could pray something like, “Thank you Jesus for allowing yourself to be subject to chastisement in order that I might live with lasting and enduring peace in my life with God.”

