

1 Peter 4:12-5:4

Getting Started

Share where you saw the goodness of God in your life in a simple or powerful way this past week.

Discussion

What stood out to you from this past weekend's sermon?

Why do you think Peter says to “not be surprised as though something strange were happening to you?” Why are we surprised by suffering?

What does this passage (4:12-19) make clear is one thing that God will use suffering to accomplish in our lives?

Has suffering ever played a refining role in your life? Tell about what that was like in the middle of the suffering versus with some hindsight.

How can you entrust yourselves to God when you are suffering, when God feels distant and like he doesn't care?

What stands out to you from Peter's instruction to elders in 5:1-4?

As you go

Suffering has a way of making us want to run from community. If you're suffering, who do you trust and can be honest with? Ask them to be with you and pray for you.

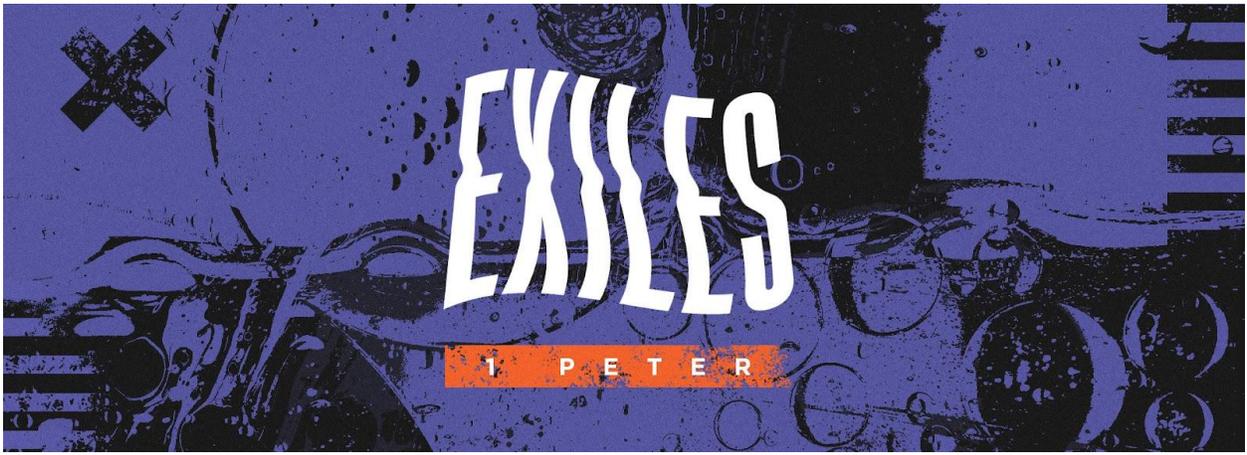
Prayer

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

How is God refining you right now? What is he asking you to step away from or give yourself to? Pray into those things as a group.



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