



Text: 1 Peter 2:18-25

Big Idea: No one likes suffering. We do everything possible to avoid it. However, it is something we are told will happen if we are living distinctively for Jesus.

- We suffer well by **trusting** God **continually**.
- We suffer well by **knowing** Jesus **personally**.

Discussion Questions:

1. Discuss the difference between suffering for your faith (1 Peter 2:19-20) and difficulties that happen because we live in a fallen world. (Genesis 3:16-19)
2. Share a time when you suffered while doing good for the Gospel's sake. Did you see blessing during or after suffering? How did other believers encourage you?
3. How do you decide whether to try to stop or to endure suffering? What things do you consider?
4. Consider Jesus' crucifixion. How does knowing God's grace help you cope with suffering?
5. Time permitting: Read Acts 5:17-20,27-42. This is the second time Peter and John are brought before the Sanhedrin. They are beaten(v40) and then encouraged by seeing themselves as worthy to suffer for Jesus(v41). How might Peter's experience have impacted the teaching in his letter?