

“Oh God, Why Am I Suffering?”

1 Peter 2:24

Discussion Questions

First view about suffering:

Wrong view: Suffering is always a _____.

Right view: Suffering is an opportunity for personal _____ and _____.

(1 Pet. 2:20,21; Heb. 12:2; 1 Pet. 1:6,7)

Second view about suffering:

Wrong view: Suffering is always God’s _____ for your _____.

Right view: Suffering can be the result of doing what is _____.

(1 Pet. 2:19; 3:17; 4:1)

Third view about suffering:

Wrong view: Suffering can be _____.

Right view: Suffering is _____. And its benefits can be _____.

(1 Pet. 4:12; 5:10,11; 2 Cor. 4:17)

1. Share a personal experience of suffering from which you can see how you benefitted.
2. Read James 1:2–4. What are some of the personal benefits of going through trials? What are the potential pitfalls? How can you make sure that your trials and suffering **benefit** you rather than **damage** you?
3. How do you think God feels when He sees you suffering? How do you think He decides when to step in and relieve your suffering and when to just let it play out?
4. Many of the Psalms deal with having peace amidst trials because of a close relationship with God. Read Psalm 46:1–4 and also Psalm 40:1–3. What is at least one key to having peace amidst suffering and what are some of the results?
5. Share an example from your own life when God gave you peace amidst your trial, or share a time when you didn’t have peace from God and how that played out in your life. Which did you like better?
6. How often do thoughts about your own personal growth through suffering come to your mind? How might such thoughts affect how you go through suffering?
7. How do you normally respond to other people’s suffering? How should we, as Christians, respond to other people’s suffering? One type of response is found in Rom. 12:15. What is that response? And how about in Heb. 13:3?



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