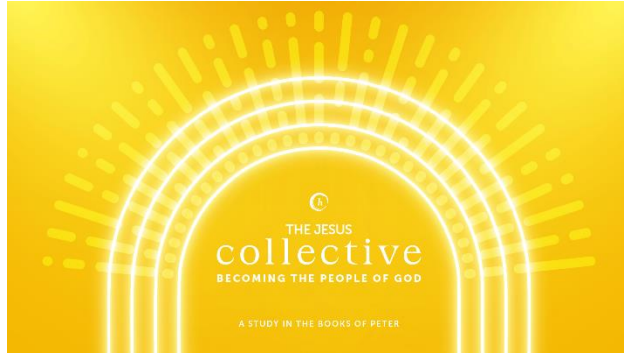


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Community Group Questions:

Read 1 Peter 4:1-19

Icebreaker: Name someone who you viewed as a hero either now or when you were younger.

Review: So far in 1 Peter, Peter has been encouraging Christians who are being persecuted. Because the young Church survived these persecutions, the Church grew and to some extent we have Peter to thank for that. But times were still tough for them. What is the parallel between the early Christian Church and the “wandering exiles” from the Old Testament searching for the Promised Land?

1. Was there a time in your life when you engaged in activities with friends and had to separate yourself from them because it wasn't a good witness? How did your friends take this? How did it affect you?
2. What's the difference between being controlled by unhealthy desires and being controlled by the Spirit?
3. Consider verse 12. Are you subjected to “fiery ordeals?” Why does Peter insist that such things are not to be considered strange?
4. Some Christians suffer for the wrong reasons, and some suffer for the right reasons. What is the distinction here?
5. Why are we supposed to rejoice in our sufferings for being a Christian?
6. Read Matthew 16:24. What does “pick up your cross and follow me” mean? What do you lay down when you pick up the cross? Name as many things as you can.
7. It takes courage to stand up for Jesus. How can Peter write these exhortations when he betrayed Jesus 3 times?