

**Reflecting on 1 Peter 2:18-25**  
**“How to Follow Our Suffering Savior”**  
**November 28, 2021**

**Introduction:** In today’s text, Peter challenges his readers to follow the example of Christ as they face suffering. He presents Christ as a faultless example of selflessness and suffering for doing what is right. He challenges us to follow Christ’s example in three ways:

1. Believers follow the example of the suffering Savior by enduring suffering for righteous actions (18-20)
2. Believers following the example of our Suffering Savior by copying Jesus’ selfless example (21-23)
3. Believers follow the example of our Suffering Savior by dying to sin and living to righteousness on the basis of his sacrifice (24-25)

The Big Idea is pretty clear: *God wants our lives to reflect the self-sacrificing example of our Suffering Savior*

**Discussion Starters:**

1. Take a couple minutes to read 1 Peter 2:18-25 aloud together. As you listen, write down the phrases that catch your attention and then share them with the group along with why they stick out to you.
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
2. Have you ever suffered in any way for your faith in Jesus? What circumstances led to that experience and what have you learned from it?

3. Your Facilitator is going to read a brief account of how fellow believers from the around the world have suffered. Listen to their stories and think of how you would have responded if faced with their circumstances.
  
4. This week's message mentions the washing of the disciples' feet as one example of Christ's selfless example. Why is selflessness so foreign to our thinking? How can we overcome our natural tendency to serve ourselves?
  
5. Do you know someone that is a good example of selfless service? What does this person do that makes you think of him/her as a godly servant?

6. Read Romans 6:1-6. How does Paul's teaching in that text coincide with what Peter says about Christ's death in verse 24?

7. What spiritual challenges do you expect to face this week? How can the group pray for you right now?