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:

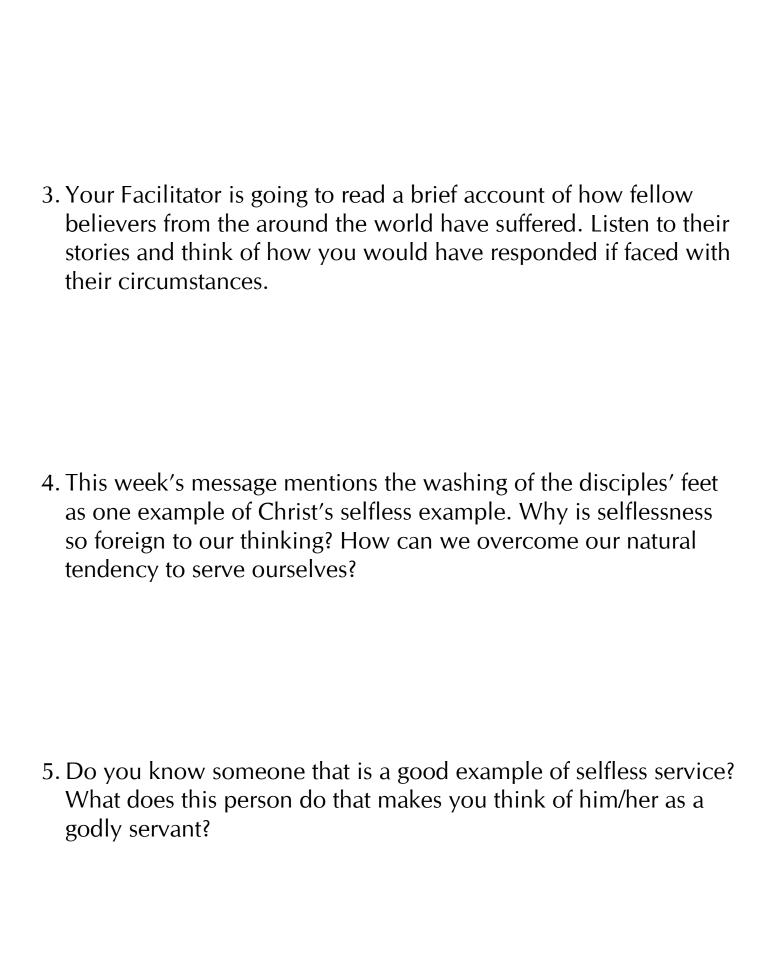
- 1. Believers follow the example of the suffering Savior by enduring suffering for righteous actions (18-20)
- 2. Believers following the example of our Suffering Savior by copying Jesus' selfless example (21-23)
- 3. Believers follow the example of our Suffering Savior by dying to sin and living to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

The Big Idea is pretty clear: God wants our lives to reflect the selfsacrificing 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?



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?