

Something Greater

THE BOOK OF 1 PETER

A Greater Compassion

1 Peter 4:12-19

February 19, 2023

Questions for Study and Group Discussion

*** Before you begin, please read 1 Peter 4:12-19.*

Keep in mind that Peter is primarily thinking about suffering for being a Christian in this passage — trials that followers of Jesus face as they follow Jesus, and because they follow Jesus.

1. Icebreaker: How would you define the word “perseverance”? Are there areas of life where perseverance comes more easily to you? Areas where perseverance is especially difficult?
2. Why do you think Peter tells us to “not be surprised” at trials and suffering (v. 12)?
3. How does an understanding of the reality or “givenness” of trials help you approach them the right way?
4. What do you read in 1 Peter 4:12-19 that can help you persevere through trials and suffering?
5. Focus on v. 19. Practically speaking, what does it look like to stay committed to our faithful Creator and continue to do good — even in the midst of trials?
6. Why do you think Peter focuses on God’s identity as our “faithful Creator” here? In other words, what is it about God as our faithful Creator that is important to keep in mind as we persevere through hard times?
7. Who comes to mind as an example, when you think of someone persevering faithfully through suffering? Share why you think this person models perseverance well.
8. Are there any trials or ways you’re suffering now, because you’re following Jesus? How can you respond well in your specific situation, given what you’ve seen in 1 Peter 4:12-19?
9. What other questions or comments do you have about this passage that haven’t yet come up and that you’d like to discuss?
10. What is your biggest take-away from what you’ve discussed so far? Why did this stand out to you the way it did?
11. **Challenge:** Identify one way this passage is challenging or encouraging you. Who can you tell about what you’re learning this coming week?