

The Suffering of a Holy Counterculture

Suffering as a holy counterculture at the hands of a hostile culture is a way of participating in the story of Jesus.

1 Thessalonians 2:13-16

I. Suffer for _____ Jesus

A. _____ God's Word

B. _____ God's Church

C. Participate in _____ story

II. Suffer for _____ Jesus

A. _____ God's Word

B. _____ God's Church

C. Participate in _____ wrath

Apply God's Truth

1. Why is it important to trust God's Word as God's word not the word of man?
2. How is God transforming you to be an imitator of his church?
3. Take some time to think through the suffering that you have been through in your life. How has God used it for your good and his glory? For help read through the list from when God weeps (<https://bit.ly/33msPS8>).
4. How does suffering in this life allow us to participate in the gospel story of Jesus?
5. Why do most people reject God's Word?
6. How does a hostile rejection of God's word differ from a passive rejection? How are they the same?
7. Who do you know that is rejecting Jesus? Will you commit to pray for them? Will you look for opportunities to share the gospel with them even if it might result in suffering?