

Discussion Questions

INTRODUCTION

Have you ever suffered for doing the right thing? What if we only viewed suffering as negative or something to be avoided? How would this affect the growth of our faith?

GETTING STARTED

1. Share a time when you were unjustly treated. How did you handle it? How did adversity change your perspective about Jesus?

BIBLE IDEA

2. Read 1 Peter 3:8-9. What are the seven appeals in this passage and how do you integrate them into daily living? In what ways might you struggle following these appeals?
3. Read 1 Peter 3:10-12 & Mark 7:20-23 & 2 Corinthians 5:17. How does following Jesus change your heart? How will 'heart change' affect your daily life? What keeps you from doing evil?
4. Read 1 Peter 3:13-14 & James 1:2-5. How have you been persecuted for being a Christ follower or sharing your faith? How did you handle it? How does joy fit into the concept of persecution?
5. Read 1 Peter 3:16-18. How does verse 18 give you inspiration to endure suffering?

NEXT STEPS

6. 1 Peter 3:15 says, "Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give a reason for the hope that you have..." What situation are you facing that you can share hope? To whom have you avoided sharing hope with and how will you change it?