

THE LITTLE LETTERS

GROUP FOCUS QUESTIONS

Week of: June 6-12, 2021

Text: 1 Peter 4

GETTING STARTED:

Which is more difficult for you: accepting a gift or giving a gift without strings attached?

DIGGING IN:

1. Read 1 Peter 4:1-19. Can anyone ever be done with sin? Does that feel impossible? Why or why not? Can you imagine your life "done" with sin?
2. Using only words and illustrations from 1 Peter, how would you describe "Christ's attitude?"
3. The one who suffers for Christ is encouraged to rejoice as they "participate" in Christ's suffering. Have you ever thought about your hard experiences as participation in Christ's experience? Does a change of perspective make a difference?

DIGGING DEEPER:

1. Was there ever a time when you felt (in the moment or in reflection) like your suffering was "blessed?"
2. How do you think persecution and suffering would test or change your faith?
3. Is there a part of following Jesus that brings fear to you? If so what part? If not, explain.

PRAYER SUGGESTION:

Peter says "Be alert, so you may pray." Pray with eyes open this week, and in your group, explore what praying prayers out of "alertness" and "sobriety" would look like.