

Small Group Discussion Questions

Following the Weekend of June 6-7, 2026

No need to answer every question. Feel free to jump around.

How To Suffer Well

(I Peter 4:12-19)

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Group Interaction & Application

Read aloud together I Peter 4:12-19.

What words, phrases, concepts, or images from these verses stand out to you as you just read them, or create curiosity for you in some way?

What aspects of Pastor Alan's message gave you fresh insight into this passage, or helped you the most in understanding these verses and what we experience here?

When, if ever, have you experienced suffering because of following Christ?

If "suffering" feels too extreme to describe what you may have faced compared to Peter's listeners at the time, maybe ask the same question but change "suffering" to a word like "discomfort" or maybe "loss."

If you have witnessed someone else suffering because of their faith walk, share what you observed.

Pastor Alan highlights four ways Peter encourages his listeners to respond to suffering.

First, Don't Be Surprised By the Suffering. (4:12)

While it could be discouraging to hear Peter tell his listeners that they will for sure experience suffering, how can this warning actually serve us?

If you have previously embraced the fact that spiritual suffering is inevitable, how has this potentially helped you navigate life and specifically your faith walk?

Second, Be Shaped By the Suffering. (4:12)

When, if ever, have you felt like you have been tested because of following Christ?

If you have experienced suffering/discomfort/loss because of following Christ, how has this shaped you in positive ways?

If you feel like you have not faced trials because of following Christ, how has this potentially weakened you spiritually?

Third, Rejoice In the Suffering. (4:12-13)

How is this possible? (to rejoice in the suffering)

When have you potentially been able to rejoice during discomfort brought on because of your faith walk?

When, if ever, have you felt like you were truly stepping into the suffering of Christ?

Fourth, Entrust Yourself To God In the Suffering. (4:19)

What does it look like for you when you fully entrust yourself to God?

If there is an area of life where you feel like you are doing everything you are supposed to and the outcome does not feel like it matches your input, how could you entrust God more fully today?

What could it look like to give God more control of a certain area of your life today?

Conclude by praying for one another in taking practical next steps in applying this weekend's message and group discussion, after which pray for group needs and concerns.

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