

Sermon Q's - May 14, 2023

Responding to Suffering

1 Peter 4:12-19

1. Suffering well is not natural. What are some of the ways that you struggle to endure suffering the way God calls us to?
2. What does it mean to share Christ's sufferings? How does that experience draw you closer to Jesus? How does that strengthen your faith?
3. Share a form of suffering you can't imagine enduring. Will said, "God gives grace to meet the need we face." How have you seen God's Spirit sustain someone else in suffering you can't imagine enduring?
4. Have you endured a suffering you wouldn't choose again because of the pain but wouldn't change at all because of the benefit in your relationship with God? How did a relationship with God make that experience different from suffering alone?
5. In order to entrust your soul to your faithful Creator, you have to be willing to let go of things like control, vengeance, self-justification, etc. Which of these is most challenging to you?
6. How does the suffering of God himself help you trust Him in the midst of your suffering?