



Sermon Discussion Questions

May the Word of God SHAPE and MOLD us into the image of Jesus!

CHECK INS: Let's check in with each other; how are we doing folks?

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7.12.26 - SERMON RECAP:

This week we continue in our series: Disciples of Jesus—looking at 1 Peter 5:12-14. As Peter brings his letter to a close, he reminds believers that the Christian life is marked by both suffering and grace. Because of our new identity in Christ, we are invited to embrace suffering as one of the primary tools God uses to deepen our hope, refine our faith, and prepare us for His eternal glory. Read 1 Peter 5:12-14 together and consider some discussion questions to allow this passage to change our every day lives!

DIGGING DEEPER:

1. Read: I Peter 5:10–12; Ephesians 2:8–10. Peter concludes his letter by saying, "This is the true grace of God. Stand firm in it." Based on everything you've studied in I Peter, how has your understanding of God's grace grown throughout your study of I Peter?
2. Read: II Corinthians 5:17. Sunday's message emphasized that because of our new identity in Christ, we are invited to embrace suffering as a tool God uses to refine our hope. Why is remembering our identity essential when life becomes difficult?
3. When suffering comes, do you tend to define yourself by your circumstances or by your identity in Christ?
4. Read: Romans 5:3–5. Most people naturally try to avoid suffering. Peter teaches that God can actually use suffering to deepen our faith and hope. How have you seen God use hardship to shape your relationship with Him?
5. Looking back, can you identify a difficult season that ultimately strengthened your trust in God?
6. Read: I Peter 5:9–12; Philippians 1:27–30. Our sermon's repeated encouragement is, "Stand firm in the grace of God." What does standing firm *practically* look like when you're discouraged, anxious, or questioning whether following Jesus is worth it?
7. Which current circumstance requires you to stand firm instead of giving up?
8. Read: I Peter 5:10 and Philippians 1:6. Peter says that God Himself will restore, confirm, strengthen, and establish His people, and that God will finish His work in our lives. Which of these four promises speaks most deeply to your current season of life, and why?
9. How would believing these promises change the way you approach today's struggles?
10. How is biblical hope different from simply hoping that life gets easier? What are you most hoping for today, and is that hope rooted in temporary circumstances or in God's eternal promises?

How Does ALL THIS Apply to our Values?



Gospel Transformation

Compassionate Engagement



Authentic Relationship

Kingdom Multiplication

