

Be Steadfast in Suffering Discussion Questions

Revelation 2:8-11

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1. How do you feel about suffering? Why? Do you try to avoid suffering if possible? Why?
2. Does your suffering cause you to question or doubt God? What kind of questions or doubts do you have? Does your suffering cause you to be angry with God because He allowed it? Why does God allow us to suffer?
3. Why is it important that Jesus is alive forevermore?
4. How does God know and understand our suffering?
5. Would God consider you spiritually rich or poor? Why?
6. How do you feel and respond to those who are making false accusations about you or about someone else? Is this the way God would have us respond? Why or why not?
7. How do we get to the point where we don't fear the suffering that is ahead of us?
8. Why is it hard for us to trust God's plan when it involves us suffering?
9. Read James 1:2-4. What spiritual benefits come from suffering? How does suffering purify us?
10. Is it easier to go through suffering when you know that it is only for a short period of time? Why or why not? How does knowing God is in control and limits the amount of suffering you go through affect you?
11. How can you pray and support those who are suffering more than you are for their faith?
12. Do you love God more than your life? Would you be willing to die for the Lord? Why or why not?
13. What is our reward for persevering through this life? How is this different from any earthly reward we could receive?
14. What is the "Second death?" Will you experience it? Why or why not?