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Keep Your Love Complete

Scripture: 1 Peter 4:1-11

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HOMEGROUP & PERSONAL STUDY QUESTIONS

Teaching Text: 1 Peter 4:1-11

1. Do you agree with Peter's statement, "*Since Christ suffered, you should be ready to suffer too.*"? Why or why not? What type of suffering do you think Peter is referencing?
2. Do you think pain and suffering are a necessary part of the Christian experience? Please explain your answer.
3. 1 Peter 4:1 finishes with the words, "*If you have suffered physically for Christ, you have finished with sin*" (NLT). How do you think this works out?
4. Peter instructs us to "*have the same attitude as Christ*" (NLT), or "*arm yourselves with the same purpose as Christ*" (NASB). He continues, with the attitude of Christ, we will pursue the will of God instead of pursuing our own desires. Peter equates this to being "*finished with sin*" (1 Peter 4:2-3). What do you think about this? Do you struggle with your desires? Do they seem in conflict with the will of God? Explain.
5. Our instructions continue with direction to be sober in spirit, be disciplined in prayer, love one another deeply, and show great hospitality toward each other (1 Peter 4:7-9). In this attitude, Peter says, "*love covers a multitude of sins*" (1 Peter 4:8). Can you provide practical examples of this type of living from your everyday life? How does love cover a multitude of sins? Do you think the sins Peter references are your sins or other people's sins?
6. This teaching text concludes with encouragement about spiritual gifting (1 Peter 4:10-11). From these instructions we might infer that God Himself is working through us in the supply and expression of these gifts. Are you experiencing God through gifts that you share in your life? Are you seeing God be glorified through the expressions of those gifts? Would you share any examples?