



GOSPEL | COMMUNITY | MISSION

August 9, 2020

1 Peter 4:12-19

“The Fiery Trial and the Faithfulness of God”

QUESTIONS

(potential discussion/conversation questions to use in your GGs this week)

1. ICE-BREAKER: Pastor Tony pointed out that the term “Christian” (4:16) means “little Christ”. In what ways have you been told you are like one of your parents? For those that are parents, how is your child/children like you?
2. This passage says we should not be surprised when “fiery trials” come.
 - a. Does anyone feel like they are currently in any kind of trial?
 - b. How have you responded? Have you responded in rejoicing as verse 13 commands?
 - c. Do you feel this trial is a result of doing God’s Will (v. 13-14) or as a result of your sin (v. 15)?
 - d. How can each of us pray for you in this situation? (Take time to pray).
3. Pastor Tony encouraged us that Christian suffering is not random but has a purpose.
 - a. According to these verses, what is the purpose of Christian suffering?
 - b. In the midst of suffering, what helps you keep a proper perspective on God’s sovereignty?
 - c. How does this passage push back against prosperity theology, which says suffering is usually only the result of doing wrong and God’s judgement?
4. We live in a culture that is often okay with “vague God-talk”, but often gets uncomfortable or offended when Christians speak about Jesus directly.
 - a. Why is “vague God-talk” not sufficient?
 - b. In the secular world, what are some ways that you have been able to successfully move past these vague conversations into specifics about Jesus Christ?
 - c. Do you have anyone in your life that you would like to pray for opportunities to have specific gospel conversations? (Take time to pray).