

Todd Arnett | June 13 & 14, 2020 Praise God That You Bear That Name

If you should suffer for following Jesus, entrust yourself to God and keep doing good to others

1. Purposeful pain is			
	1 Peter 4:12-13	1 Peter 2:20-21	
	1 Peter 1:6-7	Romans 5:3-5	
	Matthew 13:20-21	Acts 5:40-41	
There's an emotional and spiritual wounding from the mouths of Jesus' that is much less bearable than what the body may endure at the hands of Jesus'			
2. When it	t's to be aligned	d with Jesus, it's still worth it	
	1 Peter 4:14-18		
	Matthew 5:11-12		
If you're listening today and you haven't put your faith in Jesus yet to be your Lord and Savior, then the painful things that God is allowing into your life are for the purpose of getting your and to recognize your need for a Savior			
3. Because	e God is in, you	can trust Him for everything He allows into your life	
	1 Peter 4:19		
	Romans 8:28		
Trinity Core Value Your calling is to influence your world with Jesus			
	Titus 2:11-14		

Now What? If you should suffer for following Jesus, entrust yourself to God and keep doing good to others

Home Group Notes Week of June 13-14, 2020 "A People Prepared" 1 Peter 4:12-19



SHARE

Who helped shape your understanding of suffering?

LEARN FROM THE BIBLE

Although suffering is common to us all, we rarely talk about it. Yet, nearly every book of the New Testament teaches us something about suffering and none says more than 1 Peter. Today's passage continues the theme of suffering and how we are to view it. Read 1 Peter 4:12-19 being mindful that the recipients were being persecuted for their faith.

We suffer for many reasons (this is a sampler and not exhaustive)

- The effects of sin ours and others (abuse, mistreatment, bad choices)
- The work of evil spiritual powers (Satan, demons)
- Our bodies are under the curse of sin (disease, deterioration)
- We suffer because we have compassion and love others (loss, empathy)
- We participate in the sufferings of Christ for His name's sake

What did Jesus say about those who follow Him?

- Luke 9:23
- John 16:33

What does God teach us about how to respond when we participate in the sufferings of Christ? (Look for repeated words and themes) See Matthew 5:11-12; Acts 5:40-41; 1 Peter 1:6-7; 4:12-13.

What good purposes can pain and suffering have in our lives?

- 1 Peter 2:20-21
- 1 Peter 4:12-19
- Romans 5:3-5

• John 14:1-3; 1 Thessalonians 4:16-17		
• John 15:12; Galatians 6:2		
• Philippians 3:10; 1 Peter 4:13		
• Hebrews 12:1-2		
What are the promises in 1 Peter 4:12-19? How might these strengthen and comfort us?		
DISCUSS TOGETHER This is a difficult subject. Please be sensitive to one another. Some among you have suffered loss, abuse, rejection, betrayal, and many other causes of suffering. How do we Americans deal with suffering?		
What stands out to you in 1 Peter's teaching on suffering?		
Are the teachings of 1 Peter applicable to all types of suffering?		
What helps you when you endure suffering? What doesn't help?		
PRAY TOGETHER There is so much to pray for in our nation, community, and church. Please pray for how we represent Christ in our worlds, for the decisions before Todd and the other elders, and how we can love and encourage one another.		

How has God prepared and equipped us to handle suffering?

• Matthew 28:20; John 14:16, 25-27