

Discussion Questions for Families and Groups

Open It!

What Household Appliance do you value the most? If you could only have the use of one household appliance which would it be? And, Why?

Consider It!

Where do we find harsh treatment in our culture?

How do Americans respond to unjust suffering?

What do you find surprising in Peter's instructions to enslaved Christians?

What does God find commendable?

What are the things that we should be mindful of as we respond to unjust treatment?

How did Jesus face unjust suffering?

- 1 Peter 2:22-23
- Isaiah 53:3, 7-8
- Mark 15:1-20
- Luke 23:32-46

What do you learn from Jesus example? How should you respond differently to unjust suffering?

What encouragement can we find in looking to Jesus as our Shepherd and Overseer of our soul?

Studies in First Peter

Suffering Unjustly

1 Peter 2:18-25

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*Slaves, in reverent fear of God submit yourselves to your masters, not only to those who are good and considerate, but also to those who are harsh. ¹⁹ For it is commendable if someone bears up under the pain of unjust suffering because they are conscious of God. ²⁰ But how is it to your credit if you receive a beating for doing wrong and endure it? But if you suffer for doing good and you endure it, this is commendable before God. ²¹ To this you were called, because Christ suffered for you, leaving you an example, that you should follow **in his steps**. ²² "He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth." ²³ When they hurled their insults at him, he did not retaliate; when he suffered, he made no threats. Instead, he entrusted himself to him who judges justly. ²⁴ "He himself bore our sins" in his body on the cross, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; "by his wounds you have been healed." ²⁵ For "you were like sheep going astray," but now you have returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.*

1 Peter 2:18-25 (NIV)

Introduction

Sermon Proposition

God Calls You to Endure Unjust Suffering!

Sermon Question: How?!

How am I to endure unjust suffering?

How? You Can Endure Unjust Suffering by
Being Mindful of God.

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1 Peter 2:19 (NIV)

How? You Can Endure Unjust Suffering by
Looking to the Shepherd.

For "you were like sheep going astray," but now you have returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

1 Peter 2:25 (NIV)

How? You Can Endure Unjust Suffering by
Following the Example of Christ.

To this you were called, because Christ suffered for you, leaving you an example, that you should follow in his steps.

1 Peter 2:21

My Next Step!

Confess sinful attitudes, words and deeds

Mindfully Submit to

Follow in Jesus steps by

Look to the Shepherd for