

## *“The Glory of Suffering”*

1 Peter 4:12–19

25 September 2022

### INVITATION

1. Have you ever been involved in a case of mistaken identity? What were the circumstances?

### RECOLLECTION

2. What stood out to you as you listened to the sermon preached Sunday morning? Was there anything said on which you require further clarity?

### OBSERVATION

3. Why would Peter’s readers potentially be *ashamed* to be called Christian (v. 16)? In what sense, if any, is being a Christian today a shameful thing?

### APPLICATION

4. In what way do fiery trials confirm our identity as followers of Jesus Christ?

In what way will those who suffer “be glad” when Christ’s “glory is revealed”?

5. How do you know that you are suffering “as a Christian”? Is there a danger of excusing bad behaviour as suffering “as a Christian”? Explain.
  
6. How does knowing that God is a “*faithful Creator*” enable you to persevere in suffering according to God’s will?
  
7. Are there relationships in your life—friends, family, colleagues—that you can identify in which you need to be bolder in speaking for Christ? Can you ask your Grace Group to pray with you in that regard?

**SUPPLICATION**

8. Write down some prayer requests mentioned in your Group and pray for them throughout this week.

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