

your faith and how did this test impact your faith and relationship with Christ? What would it practically look like for you to receive rather than resent suffering?

Suffering is nothing new for the people of God. In fact, the Gospel has often advanced most in times of intense suffering. How do you relate your faith experience to the history of suffering for the Gospel throughout the Old Testament, New Testament and Church history? What suffering might American Christians have to endure in the future to be able to pass the Gospel on to the next generation? How can you prepare yourself to weather suffering for the sake of the Gospel mission?

3. APPLY THE TRUTH

Suffering is not optional, but misery is. How can you suffer well for Jesus and the Gospel mission? What steps can you take to receive suffering for His glory?



THE HUMBLE SUFFERER

April 25, 2021

1 Peter 1:6-12

I. My _____ flows from Christ's suffering. – v. 6, 8-9

Good news for me meant _____.

Am I humble enough to believe that God _____?

II. My _____ grows through my suffering. – v. 6-7

Biblical Understanding of Suffering:

1.

2.

3.

4.

5.

Am I humble enough to _____ rather than resent it?

III. The _____ goes on fueled by my suffering. — v. 10-12

Am I humble enough to _____ for the
future of the Gospel mission?

**SUFFERING IS THE GOD _____ VEHICLE
TO _____ THE GOSPEL MISSION.**

Stewardship Report:

Last Week: \$5,704.00

This Month: \$18,857.00

Last Month: \$42,587.00

Monthly Budget: \$26,531.00



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SMALL GROUP APPLICATION QUESTIONS

1. STUDY THE SCRIPTURE

Read 1 Peter 1:6-12. Peter teaches us a lot about suffering in this passage. How does he instruct us to understand suffering? Why does he say to rejoice in the midst of suffering? How does our suffering relate to those who have come before us?

2. ASSESS YOUR LIFE

Christ's suffering is at the heart of the Gospel. How does this reality help us rejoice in the midst of our own suffering? How does the Gospel change the way you respond to suffering now compared to before you knew Jesus or compared with other non-believers around you? How is finding joy in suffering sometimes misunderstood or mis-taught in Christian circles?

Pastor Micah outlined Peter's five principles of suffering. How do these principles help better shape your view of suffering? When have you experienced suffering that tested

