

# DISCUSSION GUIDE

HOPE | HOPE IN SUFFERING

APRIL 28/29 | 1 PETER 4

## FOR STARTERS

1. Looking back at your notes from this week's teaching, was there anything that particularly caught your attention, challenged you or raised questions?
2. What difference do our attitudes make? (Think of positive and negative examples.)

## DIGGING IN

1. How important is our attitude about suffering? What does the text (4:1-6) tell us will happen if we have the wrong attitude?
2. What was Jesus' attitude toward suffering? Read Hebrews 12:2, Matthew 26:39-42, Mark 8:31.
3. What does it mean to be "done with sin" according to verse 2?
4. What are the three examples for loving others deeply in vv 7-11? How do these examples shape a church and how did they when the church first started? cf Acts 4:32
5. Peter reminds the church to expect suffering for the cause of Christ. How is this attitude different from the attitude we often have towards suffering?

## BRINGING IT HOME

1. Where do you need God to change your attitude, especially about suffering? What difference would it make in your life and others if you did change?
2. Review again why we can rejoice when we suffer for Christ. Look up 1 Peter 1:6-7 and James 1:2-4.
3. What are the ways we can encourage each other to live out verse 19?

Pray that God would give you boldness to share and live the good news of Jesus, even though you may be persecuted as a result. Pray for those around the world who are being persecuted for their faith in Jesus Christ.

# MESSAGE NOTES

Belonging to a small group is a great way to grow spiritually. If you would like to join a group or get more information, contact Deanna Wheeler at [dwheeler@doorcreekchurch.org](mailto:dwheeler@doorcreekchurch.org)