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1 Peter: Suffering

Text: 1 Peter 4:12-19

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Read together as a group the text we looked at this Sunday 1 Peter 4:12-19.

Suffering is something we all face in different ways. It's something we all have in common. Share with the group a time when you faced suffering and how did you respond to that challenge?

Adam said, "how we handle suffering reveals who we are on the inside." Do you feel this is true? Have you seen this in the lives of your kids, friends, or co-workers?

Some of us avoid suffering. Some of us self medicate with pleasure. Some of us get angry in the face of suffering. What is your normal response to anger?

Peter calls us to not be surprised when you suffer. How does being aware of potential suffering help us endure suffering?

One ways to endure suffering is to find the presence of Jesus in the midst of that season.
How do you find Jesus in the middle of suffering?
What if the path of suffering is a sacred journey?

Read Verse 19 again together. What does it mean to entrust our soul to Jesus on the path of suffering?

Peter calls us to continue to do good in the midst of suffering. In the middle of suffering evil wants to make you evil. What are practical ways you can keep doing good when suffering and why is that important?

At the end of the message we had the chance to hear Katie's story. What did you learn from her story of suffering?

Katie said, "You can't control what happens to you but you can control how you respond." What are some things you need to change in how you respond to suffering?

In whatever suffering you are facing right now what is one good thing you have to have courage to do right now?

Take some time at the end of group to pray for each other. Pray that God would help each other endure suffering un a way that we could honor Jesus.