

Virtual Small Group Discussion

1 Peter 2.18–25

Unjust Suffering



Getting Started

- How do you tend to react if you think someone is treating you unfairly?

Static Questions

- **WHAT IS THE PASSAGE ABOUT?**
 - Note the key details (Who, What, When, Where, Why, etc.)
 - Pay attention to the main *Facts* of the passage.
- **WHAT DID YOU LEARN?**
 - What does the passage reveal about God? About people?
 - Is there a promise or a command or a warning?
 - What is the main truth of the passage?
 - What lessons do you see?
- **HOW WILL YOU APPLY IT?**
 - How does this passage relate to your life right now?
 - What change in your thinking or behavior is needed to align with the truths in this passage?
 - How should you respond based on what you learned?

From the Teaching this Morning

Christians are called to follow the example of Jesus. Peter tells us that since Jesus suffered, part of the Christian's calling is to suffer as well (2.21). This is an amazing turnaround from his view of suffering in Matthew 16.21–23. (Someone read the Matthew text.)

- What do you think occurred in Peter's life that resulted in such a change of perspective?
- Why is it that God finds it commendable when we are patient when we suffer unjustly?
- What reasons are we given in verse 24 for Jesus' death on the cross?

Why are we called to suffer? Because suffering was a part of the life of Jesus, the very life we were called to imitate.

- How can you follow the example of Jesus when you suffer through something that seems unjust?
- God wants us to endure suffering without reviling, cursing, or retaliating. Why might God ask you to suffer?

