



Week 8: The Word On...[SUFFERING]

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To be used during the week starting Monday 28 November

Leaders – feel free to adapt these questions to suit your group.

1. Getting Started.

- a) Consider what has caused you to suffer over the last year or so. Share briefly how these things have made you feel.
- b) discuss any questions you had as a result of the talk in church this week.

2. Getting into the Bible....

- a) From the following passages, what sort of suffering should Christians expect?
 - i) Matthew 5v11-12
 - ii) Matthew 10v 24-25
 - iii) John 15v18-20

In what ways have you experienced this sort of suffering? How have you responded?

- b) From the following passages, what attitude should we bring to suffering, when it comes to us? How do these passages help us face suffering, if at all? Discuss.
 - i) Matthew 5v11-12
 - ii) 2 Corinthians 4v16-18
 - iii) Romans 8v16-18
 - iv) 1 Peter 4v12-13; 4v19

3. Group Reflection....

The passages above suggest that suffering is normal for a Christian, especially suffering for the name of Christ. From what you have discussed, how can we help each other in the face of this reality? Discuss some practical steps you can take, perhaps for someone you know is struggling now.

4. Pray together.