

# Suffering as a Christian

1 Peter 4:12-19

## Discussion Questions

### The Essentials

- 1) Why does Peter begin this part of his letter with 'dear friends' or 'beloved'?
- 2) Why might we expect suffering in our lives?
- 3) What does it mean that God 'tests' our faith? Why would David ask for this in Psalm 26:2?
- 4) How might suffering grow our faith?

### Going Deeper

- 5) What is the 'judgement' that Peter is talking about?
- 6) Discuss this sentence: "God uses suffering to refine and purify your faith, and this is an expression of his love for you"

**Memory Verse:** "If you are insulted because of the name of Christ, you are blessed, for the Spirit of glory and of God rests on you." 1 Peter 4:14

**Prayer Point:** Please pray for those who are suffering persecution for Christ's sake or long-term hardships in their lives. Pray that they will know the Lord's presence in their lives.