

Teaching Through Leading Discussion

Week 2 Exercise 2

In 1 Peter 4:12-19, we find 5 attitudes or reactions we should have when suffering. The reactions are underlined:

12 Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal among you, which comes upon you for your testing, as though some strange thing were happening to you;

13 but to the degree that you share the sufferings of Christ, keep on rejoicing, so that also at the revelation of His glory you may rejoice with exultation.

14 If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the Spirit of glory and of God rests on you.

15 Make sure that none of you suffers as a murderer, or thief, or evildoer, or a troublesome meddler;

16 but if anyone suffers as a Christian, he is not to be ashamed, but is to glorify God in this name.

17 For it is time for judgment to begin with the household of God; and if it begins with us first, what will be the outcome for those who do not obey the gospel of God?

18 And if it is with difficulty that the righteous is saved, what will become of the godless man and the sinner?

19 Therefore, those also who suffer according to the will of God shall entrust their souls to a faithful Creator in doing what is right.

Using these 5 Godly reactions to suffering as your base, devise questions for each that will bring out the full implications and depth for each point. Suggestions:

1. Think in terms of thesis-antithesis.
2. Don't make your questions too easy by supplying too much information, or they will seem like recitation.
3. Start with theological understanding, and then move to application.

Do not be surprised:

Keep on rejoicing:

Do not be ashamed:

Entrust your souls:

Do what is right: