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Stand – Part 9

1 Peter 4:12-19

7. Honor and shame are important in the culture that Peter is writing to. How does Peter use these in the context of this passage?

8. What does this passage teach us about judgment and the order in which people are judged?

9. What is the promise we need to take hold of in verse 19?

Personal Reflection

1. In what area of your life do you have difficulty trusting God by doing what is good (v. 19)?

2. What have you learned from this study about the right and the wrong ways to suffer?

3. What changes, based on this study, do you need to make?

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Message Notes

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Life Group Study Notes Stand Sermon Series based on 1 Peter

This Week's Message

Suffering is all around us. No one escapes its reach. But how we understand it helps us to persevere through it and grow in spite of it. One truth that has come out of this study on 1 Peter is that there is a reason to our suffering and that God doesn't waste a hurt.

In this message we look at the right and wrong ways to suffer as a Follower of Jesus. The right way actually produces blessing while the wrong way is not only painful to us, but to all those people around us.

Study - Based on 1 Peter 4:12-19

1. Was there a key point from the message that you would like to discuss, or expand upon?
 - a. Our _____.
2. Based on this passage, what are some of the right and wrong ways for a believer to suffer?
3. What are the two biblically legitimate sources that are acceptable for suffering?
 - a. Our _____.

b. Our _____.

4. How is joy defined in this passage? How is it contrasted to the way we typically understand joy?
5. There are 4 "Do Not's" given in verse 15. What are they and take time to discuss each. Also, ask whether or not these are given in descending order (worse to least), or does Peter see them as equally harmful?

a. Do not _____.

b. Do not _____.

c. Do not _____.

d. Do not _____.

6. What should we **not** become a source of?