

Steadfast In Suffering

On This Rock: The Unshakeable Hope of 1 & 2 Peter

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Notes

Questions for Personal Reflection and Group Discussion

1. Read 1 Peter 4:1-11

Think through whatever a typical day is for you. How much time do you spend working? With your family? Running errands? Sleeping? Relaxing? Exercising? Or with God?

What does Peter say in these verses about what we should be or should not be doing with our time?

In verses 7-9, Peter gives examples of things we should do with our time. Why do you think these are important and how are they connected with Peter's statement that "The end of the world is coming soon"?

What is our motivation for making the best use of our time (vs 11)?

Thinking through your typical day again, how might you adjust the way you spend your time to make a greater impact for eternity?

2. Read 1 Peter 4:12-19.

We all experience suffering – sometimes because we've made a poor choice, but sometimes we suffer unjustly. In what ways have you experienced suffering?

What kind of attitude does Peter say we should have toward suffering? Why?

How does suffering typically impact your emotions? Your behavior? Or your relationship with God?

In what way do you need to grow in how you respond to suffering in your own life?

What does the way you respond to suffering reveal about your relationship with God?