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## Suffering: a Reprise

### 1 Peter 4:12-19

*If we are insulted or ridiculed because of God's spirit working in and through us, then \_\_\_\_\_ is \_\_\_\_\_ exactly as it should. Living so as to point people to God is the whole point of being a Christ follower in this world.*

**Discussion 1. Can you think of a time when you were ridiculed or insulted for being a Christ follower? If so, were you able to rejoice in it? Why or why not?**

*For the Christ follower, choosing holiness is not a way of avoiding suffering; indeed, suffering is inevitable for all of us. The question is: will my suffering point people to God? This is the connection between \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.*

**Discussion 2. Do you think it is important to understand the connection between holiness and suffering? Why or why not?**

*For Christ followers, there is \_\_\_\_\_ (i.e., judgment) from God, but there is plenty of condemnation against us from the world. In the scheme of things, we get a much better deal than the unbelieving world in that regard.*

**Discussion 3. Do you think escaping God's judgment is a good reason to follow Christ? Why or why not? If not, then what do you think is a better reason?**

*The same God Who created the universe will be creating the eternal kingdom for which Christ followers hope. Suffering well in this broken world merely requires us to \_\_\_\_\_ and His faithfulness.*

**Discussion 4. If you have ever suffered, what did it look like to "entrust yourself to God"? Describe what you believe that means and how it helps us to suffer well?**

**Discussion 5. How does this lesson cause you to pray? How does it prepare your heart for worship?**