



Life Group Discussion Guide

June 30 – 1 Peter 5 – Suffer Well

Icebreaker:

What is your default reaction or coping mechanism when you are faced with suffering?

Discussion Questions:

1. Ask someone to read **1 Peter 4:12-19** & **1 Peter 5:8-11** aloud.
 - What stands out to you from these texts?
 - What stood out to you from the sermon on Sunday?
2. Has your understanding of suffering changed over the course of your life? How so? How has your understanding of suffering changed over the course of your walk as a Christian?
3. **1 Peter 4:13** mentions rejoicing in suffering. How does the Christian rejoice in suffering? What does this look like?
4. How does suffering for being a Christian differ from suffering because of sin or breaking society's law? Why does Peter make this distinction?
5. **1 Peter 5:8** speaks about our common enemy—the one ultimately behind our suffering. Who is this enemy? How does our recognition of our true enemy help us in our suffering?
6. **1 Peter 5:9** urges the believers to resist the devil and stand firm in the faith. What are some practical ways we can resist the devil and stand firm in the faith before and during our suffering? How can we "be alert" to the devil and his ways and how does that impact our suffering?
7. What does **1 Peter 5:10** say the God of all grace will do for you? Have you ever experienced this in your own suffering? How so? Share with the group.
8. Randy said, "Suffering focuses you on what's ahead." How does our focus on our heavenly reward affect our ability to endure suffering? How does our suffering impact our focus on our heavenly reward?

9. **1 Peter 4:19** calls us to commit ourselves to our faithful Creator and to continue to do good. How can your suffering help you grow in your call to do good? How can you, as a result of your own suffering, be a source of encouragement to someone who is suffering right now? How can you do that this week?
10. End your discussion time in prayer together. Pray for one another's current burdens and suffering. Especially pray for areas where persecution is strong. Confess your weakness to endure suffering on your own. Ask God for His Holy Spirit help to suffer well, for the strengthening of faith and for the sharing of the gospel with others. Ask Him to help you remember the privilege it is to bear His name and share in the sufferings of others in the faith. Thank Him for the reminder that our struggles here are fleeting in light of eternity. Thank Him for the hope of heaven that is yet to come!

What's Happening in the Life of Legacy:

More details on these events can be found at lcc.org/whats-happening

All Campus

- **Kids Camp – Glory Games:** July 21 – 23. Youthfront Camp LaCygne.
- **Middle School Camp – GOAT:** July 24 – 27. Youthfront Camp LaCygne.

Overland Park Campus

- **First Steps:** July 21 at 10:30 AM, or by appointment.
- **Women's Bible Study:** June 3 – August 19, 7:00 – 9:00 PM. God of Freedom by Jen Wilkin.
- **Men's Cornhole Tournament:** July 27, 6:00 – 9:00 PM.
- **Rosehill School Supplies Drive:** Supplies due July 30.

Lee's Summit Campus

- **First Steps:** By appointment.
- **Women's Bible Study:** June 21 – July 26, 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM.
- **Women's Brunch Tour:** Saturdays in July. 8:00 AM.
- **Night of Worship:** July 15, 6:30 PM.
- **Men's Golf Scramble:** July 20, 8:00 AM at Shamrock Hills Golf Club.

Olathe Campus

- **First Steps:** July 14 at 10:30 AM or by appointment.
- **Men's Bible Study:** Saturdays, 7:00 – 8:30 AM.

Blue Valley Campus

- **First Steps:** June 30 at 10:30 AM or by appointment.
- **Summer Sunday Nights:** July 14, 6:00 – 8:00 PM.
- **Women's Bible Studies:**
 - **Fridays:** Books of the Bible (ALL Method), 10AM – 12PM. Onsite & Zoom. Join anytime.
 - **Saturdays:** Old Testament Study, 10AM – 12PM, Zoom, Join anytime.

Hispanic Ministry Campus

- **First Steps:** by appointment.