

## 1 Peter 4:12-19

1. 4:12 Are you ever surprised that you are called on to undergo a “**fiery ordeal**”?
  - a. What is your current “**fiery ordeal**”?
  - b. Do you ever think that something strange is happening to you with your experiences?
  
2. 4:13 How do I know if these are my own sufferings or the sufferings of Christ?
  - a. What is the difference? How can I share them to differing “**degree**”?
  - b. How can he expect me to rejoice in these sufferings?
  - c. What needs to happen / change to enable me to rejoice in these sufferings?
  - d. What motivation is given in this verse for our rejoicing in sharing His sufferings?
  
3. 4:14 What connection can there be between the presence of God’s Spirit on you and your being “**reviled**” for the name of Christ?
  - a. Can you be reviled for other things than the name of Christ? GIVE EXAMPLES.
  - b. Do we have any motive to rejoice over such suffering? Why?
  - c. How should we feel if our suffering / reviling is not in the name of Christ? Why?
  
4. 4:15 I know “**murderer**” and “**thief**”, but what is an “**evildoer**”? ( NIV = “Any other kind of criminal”.) Give examples of this sin.
  - a. A “**troublesome meddler**” (KJV = “**Busybody**”. NIV = “**Meddler**”) Give examples.
  
5. 4:16 Do you ever feel ashamed when you suffer as a Christian? Why? What needs to happen for you to be transformed to Peter’s concept?
  
6. 4:17 When was Peter expecting Judgment to begin?
  - a. Where will said Judgment begin? Why do you think this is?
  - b. What do you really expect the outcome of Judgment to be for those who do not obey the Gospel?
  - c. What does Peter anticipate the outcome to be?
  - d. What needs to be “**obeyed**” with the gospel?
  - e. Make a list in your own mind of five loved ones who you think have not obeyed. What with the outcome be for them? What do you need to do? When?
  - f. Have you, yourself “**obeyed**”? What parts have you failed to obey? What should you expect the outcome to be if you face judgment now?
  
7. 4:18 Name the three categories of people listed in this verse.
  - a. Is being saved an easy thing in our day and time or difficult?
  - b. How does this thought match with your understanding before reading this verse?
  - c. Who are the “**righteous**” in this verse?
  - d. Is it easy or hard for Christians to make it to heaven?
  - e. Where does this leave the “**godless man**” and the “**sinner**”?
  - f. What might be the difference between these two categories?
  
8. 4:19 Have you “**entrusted**” your soul to a faithful Creator?
  - a. Do you trust Him to do what is right even in the midst of your suffering?
  - b. Do you trust Him to do what is right when you are not faithful and righteous? What would be right in that case?
  - c. What do you need to do? When?