

WEEK 14: INTACT SUFFERING

1 Peter 3:13-17

1. EVERY INJUSTICE AGAINST YOU IS AN OPPORTUNITY FOR YOU
2. YOUR SUFFERING IS AN OPPORTUNITY TO GO DEEPER WITH GOD
3. YOUR SUFFERING IS AN OPPORTUNITY TO IMPACT THE PEOPLE AROUND YOU

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. The topic of this week's teaching was suffering. Are you going through suffering right now? If so, what are you going through?
2. Nearly everyone God decided to use in the Bible went through some kind of suffering. Who in the Bible suffered well? Who didn't suffer well? What was the difference between them?
3. How do you view suffering? Did this teaching challenge the way you view it? If so, how?
4. The second idea in this week's teaching was, "Your suffering is an opportunity to go deeper with God." Have you ever experienced that? If so, what happened?
5. Peter said that suffering is an opportunity to honor (literally "set apart") Jesus as the Lord of your heart. Have you ever made the decision to make Jesus the Lord of your heart? If not, why? Are you willing to do that now?
6. If you have already given your life to Jesus, what are some of the things that you allow to compete with Jesus as the Lord of your heart?
7. The third point of this week's teaching was, "Your suffering is an opportunity to impact the people around you." Has anyone ever impacted you with the way they walked through suffering? What happened? Has God put someone in your life that you desire to impact? What does "suffering well" in front of them look like?
8. At the conclusion of the message, Pastor Ryan said that Christianity, more so than any other worldview, gives us the resources we need to suffer well. How does Jesus help us suffer well?

