

Adult Impact Questions
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If possible, read the book of I Peter 4:12-19 from several translations. For additional insight and study go to www.studylight.org.

1. In verse 12 believers are told not to be “surprised” when mistreated by an unbeliever? Why might it be surprising to be mistreated as a Christian?
2. According to verse 13, why should Christians rejoice in suffering? How can that be a testimony to a non-Christian? (Consider I Peter 2:12; 3:16)
3. We learned from I Peter 3:14-22 that those who “suffer for what is right” are blessed. In 4:14 Peter why are those who “are insulted because of the name of Christ” considered blessed. What does it mean to suffer “because of the name of Christ”?
4. What does verse 14 mean when it says that when you suffer because of the name “the Spirit of glory and of God rests on you? (See Matthew 10:17-20; Acts 7:51-60; II Corinthians 3:15-18)
5. Peter says in verse 15 that there is no glory in suffering as a “criminal” or “meddler”. What principles help you proclaim Jesus in word and deed without becoming a meddler? (See Galatians 6:1-5; I Peter 2:12-13; 17-18; 3:1, 15)
6. What do you learn about the last judgment from vs. 17-18? What does it mean to entrust yourselves to a “faithful Creator”? In light of this passage what does it mean to “continue to do good”? (See Matthew 5:16; Galatians 6:9-10)

Next week: Psalm 145:1-21