

WHO CAN REJOICE IN A WORLD LIKE OURS?

APRIL 25 | 1 PETER 1:6-12

DISCUSSING GOD'S WORD

1. Peter says that Christians can both rejoice and grieve in this life (v. 6). According to verses 5-6, what is the basis for our rejoicing? What causes us to grieve?
2. What does suffering help prove for the Christian? Look at the beginning of verse 7.

APPLYING GOD'S WORD

1. Suffering is not a part of God's ideal world. How does God sovereignly use suffering for good?
2. God uses trials to purify our faith. Why do you think we forget this truth amid suffering? How can we as a group lovingly remind each other of this truth when we see each other suffering?
3. In verse 8, Peter describes these early Christians' faith by saying they still "love, believe, and rejoice" in Jesus under trial. How does Peter's description of these early Christians' faith under trial shape our own experience of suffering?
4. God's grace to mankind puzzles angels. How does God's particular, special love for us affect how we worship God?
5. Is anyone enduring trial today? Listen to one another and pray for those who may be suffering.

PRAYING GOD'S WORD

1. God, thank you for your sovereign care over us that uses suffering to refine our faith.
2. God, help us rejoice in the gospel all the time, but especially when we are tempted to not trust you while suffering.