

# king's chapel

*Community Group Discussion Guide*

Week of March 17, 2013

**This Week's Focus:** Suffering offers an opportunity for us to grow in Christ-likeness by obeying God and loving and serving others.

**This Week's Text:** 1 Peter: 4:1-11

*God is most glorified in us when we are most satisfied in Him. **John Piper***

*"We see that death does not hinder Christ from being always our defender. It is a remarkable consolation to the godly that death itself brings no loss to their salvation. Even if Christ does not appear as Deliverer in this life, yet His redemption is not void, or without effect, for His power extends even to the dead." **John Calvin***

*"The Christian who is always on a tear, whose mind is crowded with fears and worries, who is never at rest in his heart, does not do much praying. **Kenneth Wuest***

**Related Texts:** Psalm 73:25-26, Hebrews 5:7-8, Matthew 26:36-46, John 13:34, Proverbs 10:12

## **Observations and Questions for Discussion:**

- What has God spoken to you about regarding the sermon?
- How has Jesus provided us an example of suffering in the flesh?
  - What does it mean to suffer in the flesh like Jesus?
  - For what reason are we to arm ourselves?
- What does it look like to live no longer for human passions but for the will of God?
  - What things can we do to try to discern the will of God?
- What do verses 3-4 tell us about being in the culture but not of the culture?
  - Have you ever been targeted and called out for not participating in the ways of culture that are contrary to scripture?
  - How was God able to use that situation for the furthering of the gospel and His glory?

- How do verses 6-7a comfort those who never see reward for righteousness in this life?
- Why are Christians called to be “self-controlled and sober-minded?”
  - Is prayer something in your life that is neglected?
- What does verse 10 tell us about spiritual gifts?
  - Why does God give us spiritual gifts?
  - Do you know your spiritual gift? If not, have you ever sought after knowing your gift? (If you haven’t taken a spiritual gift assessment, there is a link to one in the “Resources” section below.
  - Are you putting your gift to use for the kingdom of God?)
  - Why is relying on God’s strength important?
- Peter ended our text with a short doxology.
  - In what areas of our lives are we supposed to glorify God?
  - How can we glorify God in our suffering?

### **Gospel Celebration:**

- Jesus’s death and resurrection has paid the penalty of our sin and set us free from the power of sin.
- In the Gospel God has shown His love and hospitality toward us.

### **Our Response:**

- Give God glory in all circumstances by obeying, trusting and being satisfied in Him.
- Repent of our worldly behavior and refocus on seeking God’s will.
- Pray for God to reveal your spiritual gift(s) and seek to use them for His glory!

### **Resources:**

- Spiritual Gift Assessment Link: <http://kingschapel.net/pdf/Kings%20spiritual%20gift%20assessment.pdf>

**Next Week’s Text:** 1 Peter 4:12-19