

Daily Bible Study Guide for February 15–20

Monday, February 15
Read: 1 Peter 4:12–19

Are You Feeling The Pressure?



What Did You Expect?

1 Peter 4:12-17

¹² Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal among you, which comes upon you for your testing, as though some strange thing were happening to you; ¹³ but to the degree that you share the sufferings of Christ, keep on rejoicing, so that also at the revelation of His glory you may rejoice with exultation. ¹⁴ If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the Spirit of glory and of God rests on you. ¹⁵ Make sure that none of you suffers as a murderer, or thief, or evildoer, or a troublesome meddler; ¹⁶ but if anyone suffers as a Christian, he is not to be ashamed, but is to glorify God in this name. ¹⁷ For it is time for judgment to begin with the household of God; and if it begins with us first, what will be the outcome for those who do not obey the gospel of God? ¹⁸ And if it is with difficulty that the righteous is saved, what will become of the godless man and the sinner? ¹⁹ Therefore, those also who suffer according to the will of God shall entrust their souls to a faithful Creator in doing what is right.

Study Guides are designed to help us get the most out of our personal Bible study, Small Group experience, marriage and family spiritual growth, and the sermons we hear on Sunday mornings. Each week we will be studying a passage of Scripture along with Pastor Dan as he prepares his sermon based on the same verses found in our Study Guides. That way, when we meet for worship on Sundays, we will be better prepared to hear and apply God's Word.

1. What words stand out to you as most important?

2. What is said about Christians?

3. What is said about suffering?

4. What is said about the reasons for suffering?

5. What dynamics are revealed in these verses about the relationship between Christians and suffering?

Tuesday, February 16

Read: 1 Peter 4:12–14

1. Why should we not be surprised at fiery ordeals and testing?

2. Should we be surprised if there are *not* fiery ordeals in our lives?

3. Why are ordeals sometimes described as fiery?

4. What is the parallel to fiery ordeals made in verse 13?

5. Why should a Christian view trials and tests as something to be expected rather than something that should surprise us?

Wednesday, February 17

Read: 1 Peter 4:12–13

1. What does verse 13 mean?

2. What does exultation mean?

3. What causes our rejoicing to be upgraded to rejoicing with exultation?

4. When will our rejoicing be upgraded? (Don't just quote the phrase. Try paraphrasing it in your own words.)

5. Peter wrote with confidence about the cause and course of suffering. What does his confidence imply about Who controls what happens to us?

Thursday, February 18

Read: 1 Peter 4:14

1. What does “reviled” mean?

2. Have you, or anyone you know, ever been reviled for the name of Christ?

3. Why doesn't more reviling for the name of Christ happen in our culture? Is not being reviled a good thing?

4. What can be problematic about a Christian whose goal is to be reviled for Christ?

5. Why is it a blessing to be reviled for the name of Christ?

Friday, February 19

Read: 1 Peter 4:15–16

1. Is it possible (or even probable) that a genuine Christian would be guilty of murder, theft, or evildoing?

2. What does it mean to be a troublesome meddler?

3. Is it possible (or even probable) that a genuine Christian would be a troublesome meddler?

4. Is it possible (or even probable) for a genuine Christian to suffer as a Christian?

5. What is meant by “this name” in which we are to glorify God? What point is Peter making in verse 16?

Saturday, February 20

Read: 1 Peter 4:17

1. What do you think Peter meant by the first half of verse 17?

2. Do you think Peter is referring to judgment that happens in this life or judgment that happens in the life to come?

3. What kind of judgment might be passed along to those who obey the gospel of God?

4. What kind of judgment might be passed along to those who do not obey the gospel of God?

5. How (if at all) does verse 17 fit in with 1 Peter 4:1?
