

Title: **Suffer Well: How to Suffer as Christ-Followers**  
Text: **1 Peter 4:12-19**  
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## Big Idea

We (Christians) should not be surprised by suffering but can face suffering with joy, trust in God and a commitment to keep doing good.

### 1. E\_\_\_\_\_ to S\_\_\_\_\_ for C\_\_\_\_\_ (vv.12, 15-16)

(cf. 1 Peter 4:6, 1:6-7, 2:19-23, 3:13-18; Mark 8:27-33, Acts 11:26, 26:28)

### 2. R\_\_\_\_\_ & Be G\_\_\_\_\_ as You Suffer for Christ (vv.13-14, 16)

(cf. Matt 5:11-12, 1 Thess 5:18, Acts 5:41)

### 3. U\_\_\_\_\_ God's P\_\_\_\_\_ as You Suffer for Christ (vv.12-14, 17-18)

(cf. 1 Peter 1:6-7, 2:20-James 1:2-4, Rom 5:3-5, Acts 5:41, Malachi 3:1-5, Matt 25:31-46, Prov 11:31)

- Suffering as God's R\_\_\_\_\_ Judgment

- Suffering as a Sign of Our U\_\_\_\_\_ with Christ

### 4. T\_\_\_\_\_ God & Do G\_\_\_\_\_ as You Suffer for Christ (v.19)

(cf. 1 Peter 2:20-25, Matt 5:44, Rom 12:17-21, Gal 6:9, Luke 6:27-28)



## Reflection Questions

- How do you typically react to difficulties & suffering? What might that reveal about your personal beliefs (i.e. about the world, God, others, etc.)? How does this morning's passage reframe how you see (and react) to suffering -- in particular, suffering for our faith?
- Which of these four points is more difficult for you to put into practice? Why?
- In what ways have you suffered on account of Jesus? If you never suffered for your Christian faith, what might that reveal about your Christian faith?
- What are some ways we can better encourage and support one another to suffer well as a church family for Christ?
- **Parent Corner:** What are some ways you can prepare, pray for and equip your child(ren) to suffer well for Jesus in the days and years to come? Do you ever share about your sufferings for Christ? Are there aspects of your child(ren)'s life you need to better entrust to the Lord?

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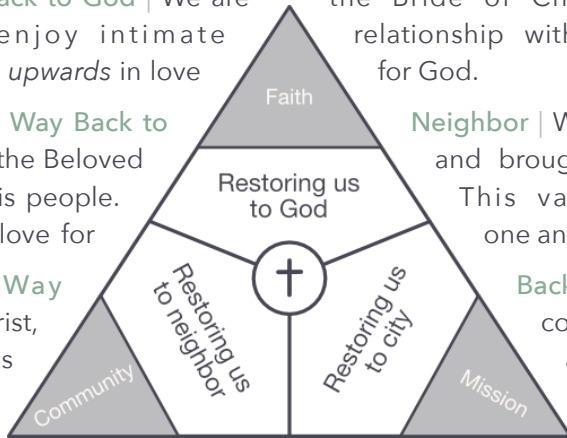
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*Mercy Hill Church exists to help restore us to God, neighbor, and city through the good news of Jesus Christ.*

**FAITH: The Way Back to God** | We are redeemed to enjoy intimate relationship with God. This value presses our church *upwards* in love for God.

**COMMUNITY: The Way Back to Christ**, adopted in the Beloved relationship with his people. This value presses our church *inwards* in love for one another.

**MISSION: The Way** the Embassy of Christ, Savior to be his ambassadors. This value presses our church *outwards* in love for the unbelieving.



## Your Next Steps

When approaching the Christian faith and life, it can be confusing to know where to even begin. Come find us at the Next Steps Table after the service—it would be our joy to help you along in the journey! And if you're a visitor, we have a special gift bag for you. Don't miss it!



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We are so glad you've joined us today!

## Announcement Spotlight

### Easter Egg Hunt & Family Fun (4/4) - RSVP TODAY!

Join us at 3:00pm in the pavilion around the back of Allen at Steinbeck Elementary (follow the signs) for a time of family fun! We'll have an egg hunt (with prizes!), face painting, arts and crafts, cotton candy, and a whole lot more—all free of charge. Please scan the QR code below to find a link to RSVP (this will help us know how many to plan for). Invite your neighbors and your friends. See ya there!

Note: We are currently looking for volunteers (both youth and adult) to help with this. To learn more and sign up, scan the QR code below!

If you have any questions, feel free to reach out to us at [info@mercyhillchurch.org](mailto:info@mercyhillchurch.org).

### Easter Egg Hunt & Family Fun Outreach Event - Volunteers Needed!

Sunday Prayer Walk (Pass Out Easter Flyers) - Today!

All Church Campout - June 26-28

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