



1 Peter 4:12-16 | The Problem with Comfortable Christianity

1. Be \_\_\_\_\_ (12)

2. Be \_\_\_\_\_ (13-14)

3. Double-Check \_\_\_\_\_ (15-16)

## Scripture Memory

*“Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery trial when it comes upon you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. But rejoice insofar as you share Christ’s sufferings, that you may also rejoice and be glad when his glory is revealed.”*

– 1 Peter 4:12-13

## Application Questions

*Community Groups meet throughout the week and play a crucial role in our response to the preaching of the word. These groups gather to discuss the following questions as we seek to apply the sermon in community with one another. Please visit [compassntx.org](http://compassntx.org) to join a small group near you.*

1. Read **1 Peter 4:12**; **Matthew 10:38**; and **Luke 6:22**. If you’re not experiencing any opposition for your faith, what might that reveal about your walk with Christ (if anything)? Why? What is one concrete step you could take this week to identify more clearly with Jesus in front of others?

2. Read **1 Peter 4:13** and **1 Peter 2:21-23**. What are ‘Christ’s sufferings’ in 4:13 (as opposed to other kinds of suffering)? Why should Christians rejoice when they share in those sufferings, and what might rejoicing actually look like in real life, given how paradoxical that response seems?

3. Read **1 Peter 4:14, 16**. What does it mean to be “insulted for the name of Christ” or “to suffer as a Christian”? In your workplace, family, or online interactions, how might you provoke hostility for reasons other than your faith, and what practical steps can help you ensure that any opposition you face is truly because you bear Christ’s name?

4. When you think of the unbelievers in your life and with Easter coming up in a few weeks, who can you pursue more intentionally with the gospel? Who might you invite to our Easter services, or to Eggstravaganza?

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## Recommended Reading

- *The Art of Neighboring* - Dave Runyon and Jay Pathak
- *Ashamed of the Gospel* - John MacArthur
- *Don’t Waste Your Life* - John Piper