

# ROOTED

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## **“To This You Were Called” (1 Pt 2, 4) – Discussion Questions**

Questions about the sermon? How did the Lord encourage you from this text this morning? How did the Lord challenge you from this text? Thoughts you'd like to share?

1. Pain can be very consuming, affecting how we look and feel about everything. What kind of pain affects your life the most, physical or emotional?
  - a. What is the worst pain you've ever experienced? What helped you endure that pain?
  - b. Sometimes short-term pain can bring about long-term joy and peace. Have you ever felt like the pain you went through was worth it because of the end result?
  - c. Suffering for Christ can be painful. Have you ever had to endure physical or emotional pain because of your faith in Christ?
  - d. Are you willing to endure short-term trials, knowing that there is long-term joy coming in the future?
2. Peter reminds the church to expect suffering for the cause of Christ. How is this attitude different from the attitude that most American Christians have towards suffering and trials because of their faith in Christ? How should Christians respond to suffering?
3. What does Peter say about suffering in verses 14 & 15? Is all suffering the same? Is suffering for Christ the same as suffering due to our own lack of judgment? How can we know if a trial is from the Lord, from Satan, or from our own making?
4. How can we rejoice in trials, when honestly, we feel angry toward God? Is the anger “natural” or “sinful”?
5. How can we know when it's proper to defend ourselves and when we should bear injustice without defense?
6. Is “trusting God” an impractical cliché or the most practical thing you can do in a trial?
7. A person who has gone through a horrible trial angrily asks, “How can you trust God who allows this to happen?” Your response?

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