



## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

**In the series, “Splendor of Suffering,” we are looking into the inspiring book of 1 Peter. In this section, we see that through suffering we can better live holy and obedient lives to God**

1. Jesse commonly uses the statement, “Here at River City, we believe in a high standard of holiness and a huge hand of grace.” What does this mean to you?

**Read 1 Peter 1:15-16.**

2. The word holy means “set apart.” God has set us apart to exist not for our own glory, but for His glory. In what ways can you reflect God to those around you?

**Read 1 Peter 1:13-14, 17.**

3. By the grace of God, we are called to stand firm in the midst of persecution, suffering and trials by being holy. What instructions does Peter give to stand firm and be holy?
4. Jesse noted five ways we are to live, which will help us stand firm and be holy. As a group, brainstorm specific examples of each instruction:
  - Prepare your minds
  - Be self-controlled
  - Hope in God
  - Do not conform
  - Fear God

**Read Romans 12:1-2.**

5. In pursuing a Christian worldview, we must constantly prepare our minds and not conform to secular society’s way of thinking. This will help us to stand firm and live set-apart lives for Jesus. How can you grow in your Christian worldview and live it out?
6. Remember, to live a set-apart life for Jesus and His Kingdom, we must do so by the power of the Holy Spirit in the grace of God. It won’t happen by simply “trying.” As a group, take some time to pray for Jesus’ grace to work in and through you this week.

# Splendor OF Suffering

A STUDY IN 1 PETER



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## MESSAGE NOTES

## WHAT IS GOD SAYING TO ME?

### Stand Firm and Be Holy

How do we do this?

1. Prepare our minds
2. Be self-controlled
3. Hope in God
4. Do not conform
5. Fear God

## WHAT IS GOD ASKING ME TO DO?