



## Foster City Campus

### How To Endure Unjust Suffering

1 Peter 2:18 - 25

March 5, 2017 || Dominic Rivera

**Big Idea:** We should endure unjust suffering by following the example of Jesus who entrusted His care and protection to His heavenly Father.

1. What theme or statement most stands out to you from verses 18-23?
2. Verse 19 says, "it is commendable" (literally in Greek, *it is grace*) when someone endures unjust suffering in allegiance to God. Describe a difficult situation in which you experienced grace in the midst of difficulty?
3. Verse 21 describes a Christian's calling to endure unjust suffering by following the example of Jesus. How does this change how you respond to the ups and downs of everyday life?
4. What are the triggers (people, places, or situations) that most tempt you to lead the fight for your reputation or justice rather than first entrusting yourself to God?
5. Describe a recent situation in which you received wrong, but didn't act like Jesus (as described in v.22-23). What was the result of the situation? What was the impact on you and the people involved?
6. How can you live in the tension of both entrusting yourself to God and acting in the areas of your responsibility?
7. Describe a difficult situation in your life which became redemptive (that God turned for good).
8. Spend a few minutes praying for one another, reminding one another that God is good, He working for His glory and our good, and that He is worthy of our trust.



## North Campus Sermon Questions

### Submissive Suffering

1 Peter 2:18 - 25

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1. Verse 18 begins, “Slaves...” Name some ways 1st Century slavery was different from early American slavery.
  
2. How does our enduring suffering please God? (vv. 18–20)
  
3. Name some ways enduring suffering fulfills our calling. (v. 21)
  
4. a. From what you already know and from verses 22–25, list some ways Jesus endured suffering.  
  
b. How, then, are we to follow His example?
  
5. a. How do you respond to suffering?  
  
b. Can you share a time when you faced unjust suffering? How did you respond?
  
6. How does verse 25 comfort you in your suffering?

*So here's the Big Idea:* **Jesus saved you though \_\_\_\_\_ so that you can honor him through \_\_\_\_\_.**



## South Campus Sermon Questions

### Called to Suffer?

1 Peter 2:18 - 25

March 5, 2017 || Dan Reid

1. We are about half way through our study of 1Peter. How have you been encouraged? How have you been challenged by what we have learned so far?
2. Describe a time in your life where you went through unjust suffering. What did that experience reveal to you about God, yourself and others?
3. Read verse 18. Do you believe there can be positive outcomes from God that can only come by submitting to unjust suffering?
4. Read verses 19-21. It says enduring unjust suffering is commendable before God. Can you describe a time when you saw unjust suffering to be a personal witness for God? How does being “conscious of God” help endure unjust suffering? Is unjust suffering God’s grace revealed? Why? Why not?
5. Read verses 21b-23. What does it mean to “follow in His steps?” How are you personally tempted to choose sinful ways to try to cope with suffering?
6. Paul Tripp said, “How we enduring unjust suffering reveals our true beliefs about God.” Do you agree or disagree? Why?
7. Read verse 24. Based on what we have learned in 1Peter, how does the power of the gospel allow us to live for righteousness in the here and now?
8. Read verse 25. How is this verse comfort those who face unjust suffering? (also Psalm 23).
9. How does being in community with other believers help in times of unjust suffering? How can your community group encourage any member who is experiencing unjust suffering? How can you specifically encourage someone you know who is enduring unjust suffering?

