



# HTC Groups

## *Discussion Questions*

**Sermon Title:** Hopefull: Of Trials and Trust

**Scripture:** 1 Peter 4:12-19

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1. Have you ever asked the question, “Why is this happening to me?” Have you ever asked God that question?
2. People all over the world have asked this question (some repeatedly). Why would Peter say, “As though something strange were happening to you” (1 Peter 4:12b)?
3. Let’s take a moment to read 1 Peter 4:13. Now let’s read Romans 5:3-5, 2 Corinthians 1:3-7, and Philippians 3:8-10. What do each of these passages teach us about suffering, gladness, glory, and comfort?
4. How do these passages frame the Christian perspective of suffering?
5. Have you ever been insulted because you are a Christian? Do you feel these are the same circumstances that the Christians Paul wrote to experienced? Why or why not?
6. Did you consider yourself blessed when you were insulted? Why or why not? Why does Peter say that we are blessed when this occurs (1 Peter 4:14)?
7. Have you ever suffered for something you have done and blamed God for it? Have you ever asked God to stop the consequences you deserved? What is Peter’s encouragement when this happens (1 Peter 4:15-16)?
8. What does the phrase “it is time for judgement to begin at the household of God” (1 Peter 4:17) mean? Do you feel that Christians start by judging themselves or by judging others?
9. “Entrust your soul to a faithful Creator while doing good” (1 Peter 4:19). Does this describe you? Why or why not?
10. As Christians, we often talk of eternal trust but many struggle with trusting God daily. How can you entrust your soul, and today (or the days to come), to God who is faithful?