

1 Peter Study Guide

Chapter 4

Questions

1. Are there any unfamiliar words that should be defined? List them with definitions.
2. List any words you think you understand but might be helpful to double check.
3. List the repeated words or themes this chapter carries over from previous chapters.
4. If repetition is God's volume control, what significance do these repetitions imply?
5. 1 Peter 4:1 again draws a comparison from the holy, perfect mind of Christ to the expectation God has for believers in suffering. Peter uses an action verb to describe this process and includes the result of this intentional action. Write both below.
6. Consider how Pharoah's response to suffering in Exodus 7-11 turned him away from God. In contrast, write the inner attitudes Christ had toward suffering that the believer must intentionally choose when faced with challenges.

7. How does suffering reorient the believer toward God's will and away from things the world values?
8. After looking up the words from verse 3, what would contemporary equivalents be to these sins, and how might even believers practice these sins today?
9. When someone chooses to follow Christ and stop doing the things they used to do, how might this cause unbelieving friends and family to respond?
10. Verses 5-6 remind the believer to keep an important event in mind. What is that event, and how does it change the way we view persecution?
11. When Peter used the words "watch unto prayer," he most likely thought back to the words Jesus spoke in the Garden of Gethsemane when He told the disciples to watch and pray. (See Matthew 26:38-41; Mark 14:37-38; Luke 22:46). What warning did Jesus give to them if they did not watch and pray?
12. In Luke 22:45, the passage notes that the disciples slept because they were heavy with sorrow. What are intentional ways believers can combat the temptation to give into depression when going through difficult times according to 1 Peter 4:7-8?
13. Verses 9-11 are a continuation of thought from verses 7-8. Why is it important for believers to stay engaged in their church family, practicing their God-given gifts, especially as the world draws closer to Jesus' Second Coming?
14. How does the word picture of a steward in verse 10 illustrate the expectation God has for the gifts He gives?

15. According to verses 12-13, why should a believer rejoice in a fiery trial?

16. Why do you think Peter follows up verse 16 with a warning about God beginning His judgment in the church? What dangers exist if God's people do not look like Jesus?

17. What is your greatest takeaway from 1 Peter 4?

18. What verse or passage can you memorize to help you be a doer of the Word and not a hearer only?