

**THE UNIQUENESS OF CHRISTIAN SUFFERING  
(1 PETER 4:12-19)**

**SMALL GROUP QUESTIONS**

- What reason does our passage give us to rejoice during persecution?
- What does it tell the world when believers rejoice in persecution?
- What are some Biblical examples of rejoicing in persecution?  
Are there examples in your own life that you can share?
- Whom and what should we pursue in the midst of persecution?
- What is our natural response during persecution?  
Why is this passage so radical in what it calls us to?
- What are ways that you have seen others live with joy and purpose in the context of persecution?
- Who upholds us and guides us in our persecution? Why should that make such a difference as we experience suffering at the hands of others?



**FAMILY QUESTIONS**

- Have you ever faced something really hard in life all alone?  
Do you think it would have been easier if one of your parents had been there with you? Why do you think that is?
- If you were confident that God is always with you, even during the hard times, would that make going through hard things easier? Why or why not?

**WEEKLY PRAYER**

- Our Men & Women in Uniform
- Jon & Agnes Hegner, TEAM France
- Mike Edge, Elder
- Alex Kuhlow, Maintenance
- Worship Arts Audio/Visual Teams
- Community Church, Appleton
- Those who do not yet have a personal relationship with the Lord Jesus (Col 4:2-4)

**SCRIPTURE MEMORY**

Even though I walk through  
the valley of the shadow of death,  
I will fear no evil,  
for you are with me;  
your rod and your staff,  
they comfort me.  
**Psalm 23:4 (ESV)**