**“Why Must I Suffer?” #2**

May 24th2020 ----- 1 Peter 1:13-25

**“The Gospel Demands Response”**

The Gospel: new birth into a living hope 1:1-4

Demand to believe, be refined, and rejoice 1:5-9

The Gospel: the sufferings & glories of Christ for you 1:10-12

Demand to live a life of hope in holy conduct 1:13-18

The Gospel: redeemed by the precious blood of Christ. 1:18-21

Demand to love one another constantly 1:22

The Gospel: born again through the living and enduring Word of God 1:23-25

Demand to grow up into your salvation 2:1-3

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Questions for discussion on 1 Peter 1:13-25

*Group leaders: You have the freedom to ask & answer questions "out of order" or simply choose which to discuss.*

1. What “demands” or restrictions did the Coronavirus Pandemic put on your life in December? In March? In April? And now? How have the demands “changed” over time?

2. Reviewing through1 Peter 1:1-12. How does Peter present the Gospel- that Christ died and was raised by God for the forgiveness of sins- in this section? What is the response of people to this Gospel (v.5-9)? What impacts you in the way that the Gospel was delivered and received (vv.1-4,10-12)?

3. Read 1 Peter 1:13-17. What responses to the gospel in the first part of chapter 1 are demanded in this section? What response here do you find the easiest for you to walk in? Which is the most difficult? Why do these responses feel more like a command or a choice than the responses in 1:5-9?

4. Four times (in three sections) God uses the phrase “be holy for I am holy” in Leviticus. (11:44-45, 19:2, 20:7). Read these verses and the surrounding context/verses of each one. What is the context of the command “be holy?” Looking at history, how did Israel interpret the command? How is it different from Peter’s usage in 1 Peter 1:14-16? How does Peter use it right?

5. Read 1 Peter 1:17-19. What do you think are the “futile ways” or “empty ways” from which we’ve been redeemed/ ransomed? Why should the preciousness and purity of Christ’s blood compel us to “conduct our lives in reverence/ fear?”

6. Read 1 Peter 1:20-22. How do vv.20-21 further emphasize the *grace* by which we have been saved? What is the “faith and hope” that we have in God because of Christ? How does obeying the gospel of truth demand for us to love each other?

7. Read 1 Peter 1:23-25 & Isaiah 40:1-8. Look at the context in Isaiah. How does Peter conclude that the “word of God” in Isaiah is speaking of the “Gospel evangelized to you” (v.25)?

8. Read 1 Peter 2:1-3. What are the responses that Peter claims the Gospel demands for us here? How do these verses peak to the climax from 1 Peter 1? (Read 1:3-4 again). How do the gospel responses “demanded” in 1:1- 2:3 challenge you?