

FAITH5UL

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Discussion
Gu'de

"FAITH DOWN"

10/09/16

THE POINT:

GOD IS ALWAYS FAITHFUL IN OUR SUFFERING

The Repeats (required)

Yes, they are the same, but *WE* change, so please discuss these with your group

- [Share the announcements (on FB thread) with your group]
- God is ALWAYS working! Sometimes we just need to keep our "antennae up", to be looking for it. Go around your group and share your God Moments of how you have seen God working, either in your life or in the life of another, over the past few weeks.
- Is there anything that you want to share that has stood out to you so far from the current Point series?

The Review (optional)

Use this section only if you want to review for those who were not in the Point

- Have someone explain the Point in their own words.*
- What object lesson or illustration was used to communicate the Point this week? How did this apply to the Point?*
- Have someone read or summarize the main Bible passage/story from the Point (see "The References" section).
- How did this Bible passage teach the Point?*

**someone who was in the Point may need to explain this*

The Reenergizer (optional)

Use this question if you need to get your group talking

- What is your favorite or scariest amusement park ride/roller coaster?

The Reflection (required)

Discuss these to go deeper, *and more personal*, into applying the Point

- **Read 1 Peter 4:12-19.** Understanding that Peter was VERY familiar with suffering in his own life, what stands out to you as most unusual or surprising about what he shares here?
- In your opinion, what is it about suffering that makes it hard for people to trust God's faithfulness? Be as specific as you can.
- **[Take your time with this]** It's time to get a bit personal about our past. Read each of the following reasons for suffering with verses, then share: in your past, how has God proven Himself faithful to you in one of these areas?
 - Growth? (1 Peter 1:6-7)
 - Discipline? (Hebrews 12:7-11)
 - Ministry? (2 Corinthians 1:3-7)
 - God's Glory? (John 9:1-3)
 - Sin/Curse? (Genesis 3:14-19)
- Share an area in your life where you need to trust in God's faithfulness right now. After each person shares, have someone else pray for them that they would trust in God's faithfulness.
[Pr'me Leaders: If you want to go one step further, you can ask each person in your group to pray for one other person once a day throughout this week, and then check in the next time you meet.]

The References

Main Passage: 1 Peter 4:12-19 (NIV) *selected verses, read full passage in Bible

...So then, those who suffer according to God's will should commit themselves to their faithful Creator and continue to do good.

1 Peter 1:6-7 (NLT) *selected verses, read full passage in Bible

...So when your faith remains strong through many trials, it will bring you much praise and glory and honor on the day when Jesus Christ is revealed to the whole world.

Hebrews 12:7-11 (NIV) *selected verses, read full passage in Bible

...No discipline seems pleasant at the time, but painful. Later on, however, it produces a harvest of righteousness and peace for those who have been trained by it.

2 Corinthians 1:3-7 (NLT) *selected verses, read full passage in Bible

All praise to God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is our merciful Father and the source of all comfort. He comforts us in all our troubles so that we can comfort others...

John 9:1-3 (NIV) *selected verses, read full passage in Bible

..."Neither this man nor his parents sinned," said Jesus, "but this happened so that the works of God might be displayed in him."

Genesis 3:14-19 (NIV) *selected verses, read full passage in Bible

...To Adam he said, "Because you listened to your wife and ate fruit from the tree about which I commanded you, 'You must not eat from it,' Cursed is the ground because of you; through painful toil you will eat food from it all the days of your life...