

GENERAL QUESTIONS:

1. What new concept did you learn from this week's text?
2. Is there anything in the text that you don't understand?
3. How does this text challenge you to change? Is there anything standing in your way of making that change?

Specific Questions: 1Peter 4:12-19

1. Is it realistic to expect Christians to rejoice in times of trial and suffering? Why?
2. Are there biographies of Christians you have found helpful that you could recommend to the group?
3. How do accounts of Christians who suffer severe persecution affect you?
4. Do you see any instances of persecution against the church in America today? Are you personally prepared if it became worse?
5. What is the greatest level of persecution you have experienced? Was it because of your relationship with Jesus?
6. Is joy in your walk with Jesus a consistent part of your life? If not, what are some ways you could increase your level of rejoicing?

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