

**CONNECTION QUESTION**

Share a time when you experienced unjust suffering. Are there good ways and bad ways to handle suffering? How did you do? Did you learn anything from it?

BRINGING THE BIBLE TO LIFE**> Read 1 Peter 3:18.**

Why is it significant that Jesus only suffered once for sins? What is the result of Jesus's unjust suffering?

Why is it important that Christ suffered for our sins? What does this suffering teach us about God and how he relates to our personal suffering?

Read Isaiah 53:10. Isaiah tells us that it was the will of God for Jesus to suffer. Why is it good news that it was God's will for Jesus to suffer? What does that tell us about our own suffering?

> Read 1 Peter 3:19-20.

How do these verses encourage us to persevere in proclaiming repentance during unjust suffering?



Read 2 Peter 3:9. What does the story of Noah teach us about God's patience with humanity? How is God's patience seen today?

Read Genesis 6:5-8. Peter uses the life of Noah to encourage his readers to endure suffering. Can you think of any parallels between Noah's context and yours? How can Noah's life be an encouragement to you just as it was to Peter's audience?

> Read 1 Peter 3:21-22.

What is the significance of baptism in the life of a believer? Are we saved through baptism?

What is the basis for having a good conscience? How is this different than the world's understanding of a good conscience?

NEXT STEPS

When we are being oppressed by evil forces in this life, why is it important to know that Jesus sits at the right hand of the Father in victory? How does this help us to remain faithful in our everyday lives?