

LIFE GROUPS

SERMON NOTES



A Theology of the Believer's Suffering (Part 2)

2 Thessalonians 1:4-12 March 27, 2022

START TALKING | asking questions to get you thinking.

1. How would you compare the way most non-believers view suffering in the world with the way Christians are to view suffering?

START SHARING | asking questions that engage with the message.

Read 2 Thessalonians 1:4-12

2. Pastor Steve said, "Our enduring suffering is genuine proof of our salvation." In each of the following verses, describe God's divine purpose for our suffering and how we are to respond to it:
 - a) 2 Thessalonians 1:5
 - b) James 1:2-4
 - c) 1 Peter 1:6-7
 - d) Romans 8:16-17
3. Read 2 Thessalonians 1:5-7 and Romans 12:19. Why will God pour out divine vengeance and what warning must we heed?
4. Read 2 John 9 and 1 John 5:1-2. Compare and contrast those whom Pastor Steve said would be the target of God's coming wrath with those who will escape His wrath.
5. Read 2 Thessalonians 1:7b-9 and Hebrews 10:29-31. Describe the return of Jesus and the ultimate punishment upon those who deny Him.
6. Read 2 Thessalonians 1:7a, 10. What did Pastor Steve (and these verses) tell us that we will be assured of and what is it that we will marvel at?

START LIVING | asking questions that apply God's Word to daily life.

7. What things in your life need to change to help improve your endurance and perseverance as we face ever increasing persecution and affliction?
8. We all have people in our lives who are the targets of God's wrath. How can you be a better witness of Jesus to those who need to turn away from their sin and trust in Him as their Lord and Savior?