



Things to Remember When You Suffer for the name of Jesus

Icebreaker: Are you a Spring Sports fan? What is your favorite?

Read Together: Acts 5:41 (NIV), 1 Peter 4:12-14,16 (NLT), Philippians 1:29 (ESV)

Discuss:

- Suffering disgrace for His name is not a punishment, it is a privilege.
- What feelings rise in you when you read the sentence above?
- What was the Holy Spirit speaking to you as Jason spoke?

Read Together: Acts 4:29-31 (NLT), Ephesians 3:9-12 (ESV),

Discuss:

- God will give you the boldness to stand for His name's sake in times of suffering.
- How do you do with living for what is true? Do you struggle to share your beliefs in a hostile world?
- What thing from this message would you most like to share with someone this week?

Read Together: 1 Peter 4:14 (ESV), Matthew 5:11-12 (ESV)

Discuss:

- God will use your suffering for good and your blessing.
- Do you shine Jesus in such a way that you are persecuted or rejected as a result? Share your honest feelings about those results.

Pray together:

Father, please help us to share the hope that we have in you. Help us to be kind and gracious in our delivery. Help us to speak with your heart and your spirit. Give us the opportunity to share the hope that you have given us. When people reject us because of you, please help us to rejoice properly. Give us the trust to lean into you. Show us your best and help us to share your hope even when reactions may sting. In Jesus' name! Amen!