

**A.L.I.V.E. Bible Study**  
**Date: March 6, 2022**  
**1 Peter 4:12-19**

1. What does verse 12 mean?
  - a. Often when things are difficult for us as a Christian, we are surprised because we think that Christianity is supposed to make our lives better.
  - b. Even though Jesus told us, “if the world hates you, keep in mind that it hated me first,” we still think people are going to treat us well if we do the right thing.
  - c. The apostles were martyred for their faith, but we don’t think that God calls us to this kind of faith.
  - d. Do not be surprised...as if something strange were happening to you!
  
2. What, according to 4:13-14, is the alternate reaction to being surprised?
  - a. Not being surprised?
  - b. Rejoice...
  - c. Rejoice inasmuch as you participate in the sufferings of Christ...
  - d. Recognize that when you are insulted because of the name of Christ, you are blessed.
  
3. What should our suffering not be a result of, according to 4:15?
  - a. \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. \_\_\_\_\_
  - c. \_\_\_\_\_
  - d. \_\_\_\_\_
  
4. What are you suffering for? \_\_\_\_\_  
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5. What does Peter mean when he says “it is time for judgment to begin with God’s household,” in 4:17?
  - a. We need to apply any standards that we are trying to put on others to ourselves first.
  - b. Sometimes it is easy to look favorably on ourselves and negatively on those outside ourselves or our particular group or church.
  - c. It means Matthew 7 on a church-wide scale.
  - d. The tendency is, for suffering for Christ to become an us-versus-them affair. We need to be sure that the “us” that we are a part of is absolutely God’s people. It is easy to suffer for something else and convince ourselves it is because of our proclamation of faith.
  
6. What does verse 18 mean?
  - a. I don’t know.
  - b. Wait, I didn’t think it would hard for the righteous to be saved...
  - c. Well, it is interesting because my Bible refers to a verse in Proverbs that seems to say something slightly different.
  - d. There will be consequences for our actions. The life of devotion that God has called us to will not be easy. However, it is easier take than the alternative.
  
7. What does all of this mean for us, according to verse 4:19? \_\_\_\_\_