

# 1 Peter 2:18-23

## 1. Recap

### a. A Word on Slavery

## 2. **The Calling:** Submit & Suffer Unjustly (vv. 18-21)

### a. **The reason** (v. 19-20)

### b. **The calling of All Christians** (v. 21)

## 3. **The Example** (v. 22-23)

## 4. **Application:**

### a. **Following in Jesus' Steps**

### b. **Suffering Still Hurts**

### c. **Jesus' Suffering Brings Jesus' Glory**

1. Share how you've seen God at work in this previous week (perhaps in answer to prayer requests), or other ways you've seen his goodness.
2. What insight, principle, or observation from the message did you find most helpful, most challenging, or most troubling? Please explain.
3. Have you ever suffered unjustly in a way that was directly connected to your obedience to Jesus? If you're comfortable, share an example or two (God considers both great and minor suffering)
  - a. Did you handle it well (outlaid, or in your own heart)? If so, what truths helped you? If not, what truths should you have thought of?
  - b. What do you think prevents us from entrusting ourselves to God & His justice during these situations?
4. We learned on Sunday that even though we embrace the suffering of Jesus in our lives, it still hurts.
  - a. Have you ever found it difficult to acknowledge the pain that obedience brings? Are you more of an "indifferent & tough" sufferer, or more of a sensitive sufferer?
  - b. What do you think makes it so difficult to be vulnerable about this suffering?
  - c. Read the following: Galatians 6:2; Romans 12:15; 1 Corinthians 12:26. How can we receive these acts of grace from our brothers & sisters when we suffer? What will it take on our end?
5. Read Psalm 73. What is the Psalmist wrestling with?
  - a. What truth does he preface his troubles with (verse 1).
  - b. In verses 21-22 what sins is the psalmist tempted to?
  - c. In verses 23-28 what truths help the psalmist entrust himself to the Lord?
6. This passage might create a conflict between the idea of "doing nothing" in the face of injustice (like slavery), and actively standing against injustice in our society.
  - a. How do we reconcile these two things in our mind?
  - b. When do we go from enduring to standing up?
  - c. How should you live this out as an exile?
7. What may be coming up that could bring on Jesus' suffering for you? Pray for one another.

**Next Week's Passage: 1 Peter 2:24-25**