

What If You Knew You Would Suffer

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Here are some fun choices

Would you rather drown or suffocate? Why?

Would you rather watch someone suffer or suffer yourself? Why?

Would you rather suffer greatly once or suffer for a lengthy time? Again Why?

You may have noticed that avoiding suffering was not a choice. In this life we will experience suffering. Some of it by our choices and situation. We all experience that type of suffering.

Deeper Sharing

Jesus knew he would suffer for us and considered it worth it. Are there decisions in your life that you made that had a cost and you considered it “worth it”?

Read 1 Peter 1:6-9

How would that encourage the early church? How does that teaching bring comfort today to those who are suffering for their faith?

Throughout history persecution has made the church grow. Why do you think that happens?

Have you ever experienced spiritual suffering? Can you share a time suffering was caused by your faith in Jesus?

Read Hebrews 11:24-26

Moses chose to experience spiritual suffering. What do you think was the great reward Moses was looking to having?

What is the reward for us if we chose to experience suffering for our faith?

Read Luke 22:41,42

The choice isn't comfort or suffering but my way or God's way.

When is it hardest to choose God's way over our own? What makes it hard to choose God's way? (fear, comfort, security, pleasure)

Is there an area of your life right now in which you are experiencing that struggle?

Take some time at the end of this small group to pray for each other and the persecuted church in the world.