



Holy Trinity
Combe Down



St Andrew's
Community Church

Homegroup Material
Sunday 8th December,
Sermon Series: Aliens in this World
Suffering for Christ: 1 Peter 4:12-19

Pray and read passage.

1. To what extent do you agree with Tim's suggestion that our secular society's meaning of life is defined as: 'being able to choose what makes you happy in this life'?
2. How does this view of the meaning of life affect our view of suffering?
3. Peter says to his original hearers 'Do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that has come on you' (v.12). Why should they and we not be surprised if persecution and suffering comes?
4. What reasons do suffering Christians have to rejoice? (v.13-14)
5. How did the story from the young Christian convert in central Asia encourage or challenge you?
6. Perhaps one reason we in the UK are not persecuted seriously is because we are 'travelling incognito'. To what extent do you agree with this? What might it look like in your own lives to be unashamed of bearing the name of Jesus?
7. How can we be praying for the persecuted church? What should we be praying for one another in light of this passage?

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