



**Foster City Campus**

**A Life Worth Living**

**1 Peter 4:1 - 6**

**April 2, 2017 || Dominic Rivera**

**Big Idea:** Chose to live as God designs, even if it means suffering.

1. In verse, what is the significance of Peter stating that “Christ suffered in his body”? What would be the difference in the command if that phrase were absent?
2. In verse 1, “done with sin” refers to making a break with sin. How do you view the Christian life and the struggle with sin? How does this “break with sin” impact your current view?
3. Are there things that you have “spent enough time” participating in? If you are comfortable in sharing with your group, spend a few minutes praying for one another to make a break with sin.
4. Have you ever faced a situation in which you received hardship from others for choosing to live as God calls you to live?
5. What thoughts/emotions/questions when you consider that everyone will give an account to God for how they lived?
6. As you consider living as God calls you to live, describe a season during your life when you felt that you lived with a clear passion for God?
7. What barriers typically stand in your way of living how God designed you to live?



## North Campus Sermon Questions

### Be Willing

1 Peter 4:1 - 6

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1. a. Chapter 4 begins with the word, “Therefore.” What is the attitude we are to arm ourselves with as we look back at Jesus’ attitude toward suffering in 3:18–22?  
  
b. How is this attitude different from your natural response to suffering?
2. Describe how suffering can make us “done with sin”. (verse 1b)  
  
b. What is the result? (verse 2)  
  
c. How does this play out in real life?
3. Name two reasons non-believers abuse you.
4. How are you preparing for some potential serious abuse or suffering, as many Christians throughout the world are currently suffering?
5. In verses 5 & 6, Peter is trying to encourage Christians and warn non-Christians. How is this an encouragement to you?
6. a. How does living in light of God’s judgment day prepare you for suffering?  
  
b. Does the anticipation of God’s judgment fill you with joy or with fear? Explain.



## South Campus Sermon Questions

### Prepare for the Long Journey

1 Peter 4:1 - 6

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1. Share a time when you were surprised to feel ill equipped for a difficult journey you had to make.
2. Have you personally felt increasing intolerance toward your Christian faith in your world? Explain.
3. Read 1<sup>st</sup> Peter 4:1-6.
  - A. Was there ever a time when you were tempted to give up the high standards of our Lord and give in to the values of the world? How do we arm ourselves with the same attitude Christ had to fight that temptation?
  - B. Describe a time when you came to a place when you needed to choose between God's will and your own will (Suffering or sinning).  
How does the thought that "Christ is worth suffering for" become a conviction we live by.
  - C. What do you think Peter meant when he said, "*For you have spent enough time in the past doing what pagans choose to do...*" How might others view you differently if you embrace Peter's challenge, that you've spent enough time sinning? Do you think they would view you favorably? Explain.
  - D. Was there a time when you felt someone in your life got away with evil and that evil caused suffering? What enables us to be able to leave that feeling in God's hands to judge?
  - E. How does verse 6 encourage us when we have witnessed the reality that the righteous can suffer and die as well as the unrighteous?
4. How did Mark apply this passage to these three groups represented at our church?
  - A. A not yet believer –
  - B. A new believer –
  - C. A seasoned believer -
5. Out of these 5 encouragements offered in this passage, which one is the most encouraging to you? Why?

6. Spend some time praying for those in your Community Group who are on a difficult journey that includes suffering?