**1 Peter 4:1-6 Discussion Questions**

1. What is it that Peter says these early Christians need if they are going to suffer well as Christians?

2. How does vs. 1 start, and why is it important that it starts that way?

3. What did Jesus' suffering in the flesh look like?

4. When it comes to living like a Christian, in what ways do you rely on your own work instead of Christ's?

5. Does verse 1 ("whoever has suffered in the flesh has ceased to sin") teach that Christians achieve a state of sinlessness? Why or why not?

6. When you think about pleasing God, do you think of your relationship to Him in an employee/employer way, or as a loving Father who it is your joy to please?

7. What is the primary characteristic of this "vice list" in verse 3?

8. Who are the "Gentiles" in verse 3?

9. Are your unsaved friends, family, and coworkers surprised, shocked, and offended that you do not participate in drinking binges and orgies? Hint: probably not, so what is Peter saying when he says, "With respect to this they are surprised..."?

10. Why does refraining from this sort of behavior really surprise non-Christians?

11. Are there unsaved people in your life that are surprised, shocked, and offended that you do not live the way they do? Are there unsaved people who should be but aren't?

12. What is the status of some people that are dead that have had the gospel preached to them?

13. What does it mean to live in the spirit the way God does?

14. What evidence of Jesus' own life is in your life?