



STRANGERS

IN A STRANGE LAND

It's Gonna Happen

Pastor Jeff Thompson | 1 Peter 4:12–19

1. Have you ever experienced persecution because of the gospel? Describe what happened.

2. Peter has been on the subject of suffering since 3:13. What has been the most helpful thing you have learned about suffering during these passages?

3. Read 1 Peter 4:12-19. Do you find it difficult or easy to relate to what he says? Why do you feel this way?

4. What makes it most difficult for you to rejoice in the midst of suffering?

5. Read Romans 8:17. How does this verse make you feel?

6. How have you found the Lord to be near to you when you have been going through a trial? What has been the most comforting to you?

7. What kind of suffering should we avoid?

8. What did Jesus have to say about persecution (See Matthew 5:1-12; 10:16-39; John 15:18-21)?

9. What did Paul have to say about persecution (1 Thess. 3:3-4; 2 Tim. 3:12)?

10. Read James 1:2-4. How does this influence our view of trials?

11. What steps can you take to increase your trust in the Lord this week?
