



Resurrection Sunday

Christ's Sacrifice

1 Peter 2:21-25

Christ Is Our Example

²¹ For you have been called for this purpose, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you would follow in His steps,

²² He who committed no sin, nor was any deceit found in His mouth;

²³ and while being abusively insulted, He did not insult in return; while suffering, He did not threaten, but kept entrusting Himself to Him who judges righteously;

²⁴ and He Himself brought our sins in His body up on the cross, so that we might die to [aa]sin and live for righteousness; by His wounds you were healed.

²⁵ For you were continually straying like sheep, but now you have returned to the Shepherd and Guardian of your souls.

Discussion Guide:

1. What is the greatest suffering you have even experienced?
2. Reflect on the Christian 'call to suffer'. We usually use this word calling in a different sense. What does it mean that we are called to suffer? How do you think Christians from other cultures would answer this question?
3. How have you found the example of Christ's sufferings to be a personal encouragement to you in the face of trials? How can you purpose to turn from your natural tendencies towards drawing on the hope Peter relates through the life of Christ? What experiences have deepened your understanding of this?

Group Prayer:

When we consider the severe injustices you faced, it is shocking that you did not sin in any way. Your beautiful example gives us strength to face our struggles with hope. Thank you for your unique suffering on the cross on our behalf. Because you faced the cross alone, we will always have a Shepherd to walk beside us in our trials. Help us by your grace to struggle well in our own difficulties, and offer words of true comfort to those in need.

Amen.

"He isn't here! He is risen from the dead, just as he said would happen. Come, see where his body was lying."

Matthew 28:6