



# PETER

*THE DISCIPLE MAKER*

**Daily Devotions and Small Group Discussion Questions | Week Three**

## This Week's Memory Verse

..to keep in your pocket, memorize, and hide in your heart:

For to this you have been called,  
because Christ also suffered for you,  
leaving you an example,  
so that you might follow in his steps.

- 1 Peter 2:21 (ESV)

## Week Three, Day Three

### Scripture Reading

1 Peter 2:21-23

### Devotional Reading

I'm not sure I truly understand what suffering for Christ really feels like.

Thankfully, we live in a country that allows us the freedom to be bold in our faith and not risk political implications. Sure, not everyone will agree with us, like us, or want to be our friend, but are those roadblocks and criticisms true suffering? Or simply an inconvenience?

Before we go further, stop and write down times in your life that you've endured hardships or suffering because of your faith in Christ.

"For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you might follow in his steps." (1 Peter 2:21, ESV)

To what lengths would you suffer for Christ?

Or are you so concerned about the inconveniences that might come along with living boldly for him? If we are not disliked, even hated, by some, then we may need to take a hard look at the way we are living for Christ.

"So, because you are lukewarm - neither hot nor cold - I am about to spit you out of my mouth." (Revelation 3:16, NIV)

Our religious freedoms as Americans allow us opportunities to not only speak the truth that we have heard in his Word, but to live and act according to his example. Let us be less concerned with others' opinions of us and more concerned with the advancing of his Kingdom!

### Faith In Action

Write down on a scale from 1-10, (1 being cold and 10 being hot) how you are living out the life Christ has called you to live? What would it look like in your life to be a 10?

### Today's Prayer

Lord, help me to not become numb to the things that are important to you. I'm afraid I suffer more when I don't suffer for your name's sake. It is easy to let the world's perspective taint the way I live, speak and act. I desire to be an excellent representation of you. Rekindle the fire in my heart for you, Lord Jesus!