



He's Still* Got The Whole World In His Hands, Pt. 2: Hope in Suffering

When things aren't going well, we tend to feel alone and anxious. When times are uncertain and it seems that things may get worse before they get better, what do you do? How can you maintain hope?

Bottom Line: There is hope in suffering.

Discussion Questions:

1. How would you define hope?
2. What gives people hope?
3. **Read 1 Peter 1:3-9.** The Apostle Peter wrote to clusters of Christians scattered out all over northern Asia Minor (modern Turkey). They were discouraged and were facing a growing persecution under Nero. They had no hope for things to get any better, and yet Peter wrote to them about the "living hope" they had in Jesus Christ. How do you think they responded to the opening of his letter to them?
4. **Read 1 Peter 4:12, 19 and 5:6-10.**
 - a. What commands do you find in these verses?
 - b. What do you learn about God from these commands? About suffering and difficult times? About yourself?
 - c. What promises do you observe?
 - d. What hope do you find in these verses?
 - e. What verse(s) would you like to memorize from this passage?
5. What has been the most helpful thought/idea from the message this week? How has that thought/idea helped you?
6. How can the group encourage you this week?

*If time doesn't allow for you to discuss all of these questions, use only the ones you feel would be most helpful for your group.