

Fireside Fellowship:

The Suffering of God:

1. Persecution and suffering often lead us to shrink back in faith. How do we experience vigorous growth in faith and love when we are suffering?
2. Paul uses the example of the Thessalonian's growth in faith and love to encourage other churches. Is there someone or some people whose example of faith in suffering encourage your faith to grow?
3. Persecution and trials – suffering – can lead us to think that our faith is weak and that we are somehow wrong before God. How do we deal with the falsehood of that type of thinking?
4. There is suffering that comes because we are following Christ. Does this change your perspective on suffering? How so?
5. Thanking and praising God for suffering is not a natural response for us. How do we come the point of thanking God and praising Him for the suffering?