

# Sermon Notes

November 29, 2015

***“Continue to Do Good”***

1 Peter 4:12-19

## Introduction

#1 – Don’t be surprised:

#2 – Counter cultural response:

**#3 – Let's not get confused:**

**#4 – Commit and continue:**

**Concluding thoughts:**

# Small Group Homework

For the week of November 29, 2015

**Getting Started:** How have you suffered for Christ?

**Read:** I Peter 4:12-19

**Digging Deeper:**

What's different about participating in the suffering of Christ compared to other types of suffering?

What purpose does suffering serve in our lives? (Romans 5:3-5; James 1:2-4 and 1 Peter 4:12-19)

Talk about the blessing of having the Spirit of glory and of God resting on you.

What does it mean to bear the name of Christian?

Peter refers to God in verse 19 as faithful Creator. What does this title tell us about God? How does this make it easier to commit to Him?

### **Applying the Word to Life:**

How is the world to know that we/you are associated with Christ? Are there places or relationships where this association is less evident? Explain.

How easy it is to confuse suffering for Christ and other types of suffering?

What is the good we should continue to do? What risks might be involved with these actions?

How has suffering been part of molding or maturing your faith

### **Let's Pray:**

- For Tim Thomas, the AWANA Missionary for Southern Wisconsin. Pray for encouragement as he works to strengthen and grow AWANA programs.
- That we would grow in our relationship with Christ and better understand the role of suffering in that growth.
- That as a church we would show the truth of the Advent story to a community in need.