

# Prepare to Suffer

*The call to follow the suffering Savior through suffering and into glory.*

## Sermon Questions

1. Christians are always suffering. (Yes/No)
2. List at least two facts that demonstrate that our country is growing in rebellion against God:  

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3. As society grows in rebellion against God, greater \_\_\_\_\_ will follow.
4. If you want persecution to stop, all you need to do is \_\_\_\_\_.
5. Two ways in which some have avoided suffering are:
  - i. Denial of persecution or opposition against the \_\_\_\_\_.
  - ii. Now is not the time. This is not the \_\_\_\_\_ to die on.
6. To suffer for “Christ’s sake” is to suffer *because* we live in obedience to \_\_\_\_\_ and his word.
7. Nothing you own is more valuable than your own \_\_\_\_\_.
8. The devil attacks Christ and his words, as such, the “word war” is important. (Yes/No)
9. It is a very real temptation for us to be ashamed of Christ. (Yes/No)
10. When Jesus speaks about his coming glory, he is speaking about the \_\_\_\_\_.
11. For those silent in shame of Christ today, so too Christ will be \_\_\_\_\_ as their advocate.
12. We will only embrace suffering when we embrace the one who \_\_\_\_\_ for us.

## Discussion/Meditation Questions

1. How have the priorities of your life been challenged by Jesus' words in Luke 9:23–26? In what areas must you live more faithfully for eternity?
2. Why is it important for us to understand that we are in the middle of a spiritual war with no neutrality?
3. What areas are you tempted to be silent or ashamed of Christ and his words? What is the remedy that will keep you from temptation?
4. What was your most significant take-away from this passage and sermon? Share this with another brother or sister in the fellowship.

## Extras for the Children

What song did you enjoy the most today? \_\_\_\_\_

What did you learn about God today? \_\_\_\_\_

What words did you not know today? \_\_\_\_\_

