1. Do not be <u>surprised</u> by suffering.

2. <u>Rejoice</u> in suffering as a blessing.

3. <u>Trust</u> God in your suffering and keep on doing good.

Questions for Discussion & Application

- 1. What questions do you have about today's passage?
- 2. How does this passage challenge you or encourage you?

3. What is the relationship of sharing in Christ's sufferings and sharing in His glory? Why are these connected? (See I John 2:6 & 2 Timothy 3:12)

4. We are all called to say and do things for the name of Christ that will surely get us insulted. What is this for you?

5. Is there an area where you have dodged suffering by being less than faithful?

6. Why are we able to rejoice when we suffer for Christ's sake? (See Acts 5:41, Romans 5:3, & Hebrews 10:34.)

7. How will you apply today's passage in your own life?