

Valley Bible Church – Sermon Study Questions

Study Aid for the Sermon from September 29-30, 2001

"Conducting Ourselves in a Manner Worthy of the Gospel"

Observing the text

Read Philippians 1:27-30 and explain the relationship between believing and suffering.

Read Philippians 3:10 and try to understand why Paul prayed that he might enjoy the fellowship of his sufferings.

Read Genesis 12:1-3 and 1 Peter 1:3-9 and consider how the expectation of Israel in terms of their world differs from the expectation of the church.

Applying the sermon

Do you see the hand of God directing the circumstances of your life to accomplish His purposes?
How do your responses to the circumstances of life reflect this?

How have you suffered for Christ? When that suffering comes, how do you view it?

How active are you in sharing the gospel of Christ? How have you suffered as you have done this?

How does the church in the United States view suffering? How does this view impact the spreading of the gospel?