

# THE WEIGHTING GAME

1 Peter 4:12-19, 5:6-11 | John 17:1-11

Context

The people of God are \_\_\_\_\_ under a weight

What do we \_\_\_\_\_?

Entering the \_\_\_\_\_

With the \_\_\_\_\_ of Jesus

READ. REFLECT. RESPOND. REMEMBER.

As I continue to think about that which is being revealed in COVID-19, it was interesting to me to come to John and find the word *glory/glorify* mentioned again and again. John 17, in its context, is the preamble to the crucifixion. Jesus is placing that moment as the place where the glory of God will be, where being glorified will happen. His *suffering* is weighty, it is important, and it means something to the world.

Read 1 Peter 4 and 5.

Reflect:

As Christians, what does it mean in this day to suffer for doing good? How is the glory of God, the importance of God, revealed in that?

What does it mean that Christianity seeks to *avoid* suffering?

Respond:

God is our refuge and strength, an ever present help in trouble. Therefore...

Psalm 46.

Remember: "Humble yourselves, therefore, under God's mighty hand, that he may lift you up in due time." 1 Peter 5:6