

SOLITARY REFINEMENT

FOLLOW-UP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

DISCUSSION QUESTION #1

Does silence necessarily mean agreement or even cowardice? Did Richard make a mistake by speaking up? Could it be that the 14 years of imprisonment would have been better utilized by preaching and shepherding God's people? Was the suffering necessary?

- If you were Richard, how would you respond? And why?

DISCUSSION QUESTION #2

What does "heart-washing" mean to a Christian - not just in one's salvation experience but the sanctification process?

- How can Christians rise above the daily negativity that both wearies and disheartens them?

DISCUSSION QUESTION #3

Why does the Almighty God who can destroy evil and wickedness at a moment's notice choose to "long-suffer"? What are the implications of Saul's "Damascus road" experience, where the Lord states that Saul was persecuting Him? (Acts 9:4).

- Make a list of implications relating to what it means to have a God who suffers with us.

DISCUSSION QUESTION #4

Are you up for the challenge?

Make a list of some of the ways you can be a 'voice of the martyrs.'

GROUP PRAYER