



Sermon Discussion Questions

May the Word of God SHAPE and MOLD us into the image of Jesus!

CHECK INS: Let's check in quick with each other; how are we doing folks...?!?

1.18.26 - SERMON RECAP:

This Sunday we continue in our Disciples of Jesus Series preaching through I Peter. Peter helps us to grasp that trials are often not our choice, and that trials are not meant to destroy you- They are to refine your faith into a Genuine one for God. We see the result of Refinement as the “Shiny” Gold of God’s Joy, Praise, Glory, Honor, and Ultimately Salvation of our lives from sin and death. We all are being shaped by God to become pure and Refined with a more sincere Joyful and Genuine Faith as we await the day of Christ. *This living Hope is not just for the Good days it is also for the Hard Trials as well and is meant to refine us into the image of Christ, with Pure Genuine Faith.* Lets turn to I Peter 1:6-9 and read this together.

DIGGING DEEPER:

1. What does Peter mean when he says believers can “rejoice” even while experiencing “various trials”? How have you personally felt that tension?
2. How do we adjust our daily lives to rejoice when trials and trouble come into our lives? Have you seen God use difficulty or suffering to refine your faith rather than destroy it?
3. What do you think that Peter means when he tells us that our genuine faith results in praise and honor and glory (vs7) when Jesus is revealed? What does this say about how God sees our suffering?
4. How does understanding the purpose behind trials change the way we respond to them emotionally and spiritually?
5. Can you think of an example of a fiery trial you have walked through that has refined you? How were you refined? Does your refinement growth in genuine faith?
6. Peter compares trials to the process of refining gold. What “impurities” might God be revealing or removing in us through hard seasons?
7. Why is it significant that Peter emphasizes believing in Jesus “without seeing Him”? How does this relate to trusting God during trials?
8. (Read Philipians 4:4-9) How does each step—grieving, trusting, praying, dwelling, and hoping—shape the way we walk through trials, and which of these is currently the most challenging or meaningful for you in your own faith journey?
9. Peter says we are “receiving the end result” of our faith—the salvation of our souls. How does keeping an eternal perspective help us endure present hardships?
10. What role does Christian community play when someone is walking through a “fiery trial”? How can we live out that role as a HC?

How Does ALL THIS Apply to our Values?



Gospel Transformation

Compassionate Engagement



Authentic Relationship

Kingdom Multiplication

