

1 Peter 1:6-7

1. The Reason For Rejoicing (1:6a)

2. Rejoicing Through Trials (1:6b)

- Temporary
- Necessary
- Grievous
- Various

3. The Reason For Trials (1:7)

- So That Your Tested, Proven & Genuine Faith...
- Like Tested Gold...
- May Result In Praise, Glory and Honour

4. Rejoicing Through Trials Today

- Grieving, Yet Always Rejoicing
- Don't Look For Praise, Glory and Honour Today

1. What insight, principle, or observation from the message did you find most helpful, most challenging, or most troubling? Please explain.
2. Have you ever gone through a pain, trial, or season of suffering, and then on the other side of it, you realized it was a good thing? Any that you didn't (and still don't) see the purpose in yet? How does Sunday help here? How might it make someone feel knowing that these sufferings are necessary?
3. On Sunday, we learned that our trials are "various"
 - a. Have you ever had a temptation to think that other peoples trials are more "spiritual" than yours? Maybe because *they're* suffering greatly, and *you're* suffering only a little. Or maybe you've felt that *their* suffering is undeserved (and therefore "holy"), and *yours* is deserved.
 - b. How can the following verses help here: 2 Corinthians 1:3-4; Nehemiah 1:4-11; Psalm 119:67?
4. In light of what we heard on Sunday (about God keeping the believer, and the believers need to persevere), discuss the following passages.
 - a. Matthew 24:13 & Philipians 1:6
 - b. Hebrews 12:14 & 1 Thessalonians 5:23
 - c. Matthew 25:31-46 & Ephesians 2:10
 - d. How do these sets of verses help deal with the tension between the need for holiness/works & God's grace/power?
5. On Sunday we learned that when Jesus comes back, the believer will attain glory & honour.
 - a. Does it make you uncomfortable that you will receive this (like it's wrong for anyone to receive this but Christ)?
 - b. Should Christians seek this out, or "humbly" not think about it? (Let Romans 2:7 help you here after discussing)
 - c. Read Psalm 2:7-9 & Revelation 2:26-27. Next read Daniel 7:13-14, & Daniel 7:18. Are these verses about Jesus or us? How do we share with Jesus in this glory & kingdom?
 - d. How is this possible? (John 17:20-23)
6. Pray for perseverance, & strength that together, by grace, we may finish the race and receive this amazing glory & kingdom.