

# Cell Discussion Questions

## 1 Peter 1:6-16

### Sermon: Truth & Trial

---

1. According to 1 Peter 1:6, what should our attitude be when we face trials? Can think if there are other Bible writers who have the same advice in helping us to face trials?

**Answer:**

- a. 1 Peter 1:6 says - *So be truly glad. There is wonderful joy ahead, even though you must endure many trials for a little while.*
- b. How can we be glad in trial? It's almost impossible if we do it in our own understanding. But We are called to be glad because of the hope that is seen in the future beyond the present trial. Read 1 Peter 1: 9, the Reward of our endurance in trial is given:  
1 Peter 1: 9 - *The reward for trusting him will be the salvation of your souls.* So the reward is the salvation enjoyed when we receive the ultimate redemption of our faith in Christ. We will not be short changed though the present seems overwhelming.
- c. Another Bible writer who gave similar advice like Peter in managing trial is James and Paul.
- i. Read James 1:2-4: *Dear brothers and sisters,<sup>1a</sup> when troubles of any kind come your way, consider it an opportunity for great joy. <sup>3</sup> For you know that when your faith is tested, your endurance has a chance to grow. <sup>4</sup> So let it grow, for when your endurance is fully developed, you will be perfect and complete, needing nothing.*
- ii. Read 2 Corinthians 4:17-18: *For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, is working for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory, <sup>18</sup> while we do not look at the things which are seen, but at the things which*

*are not seen. For the things which are seen are temporary, but the things which are not seen are eternal.*

A. Have you faced any trials recently? Can you share about one with the group?

B. How did you navigate out of the trial?

Answers for A & B is based on each individual sharing.

2. Peter in helping believers to manage the pain of trials and suffering, proposed 3 truths in 1 Peter 1:6-16. What are they?

**Answers:**

a. **Truth from the Future:** Look for Reward not Just Reason:  
1 Peter 1:9 – The Reward is the salvation of our souls.

b. **Truth From the Past:** The Stakeholders of Faith: Prophets and Angels: 1 Peter 1:10-12 – In the past prophets and angels were looking for the coming and Suffering of Jesus and His redemptive work through resurrection but We are living through the finished work of Jesus! He encourages us to see how blessed we are and how we are furnished with spiritual truth far greater than others before us.

c. **Truth from within:** Right Believing leads us to right Living:  
1 Peter 1:13 – Gird up your loins. Right Believing is important because it helps us not to compromise and forsake holy living so that we can be examples to others.  
Read 1 Peter 1:11-12.

3. From 1 Peter 1:13-16, Peter mentions about the need for holiness. But he mentions about the need to prepare the mind (v.13) before he talks about Holiness (vs. 14-16).

a. **Why is this important?**

**Answer:**

If you lose the battle in our mind, eventually your evil desires will be carried out and we lose holiness. That is why Paul says the same thing in Romans 12:2 - ***And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.*** So if we gird up and guard the mind, we win in living for God in holiness.

**b. How to ensure that we are winning the battle in our minds?**

**Answer:**

The best way is to live with the mind of Christ. 2 Corinthians 2:16: Christ centered and Christ-focused living.

Some thoughts from Jason Dexter:

i. **Realize** that what goes in is what will come out. If we fill our minds with junk (bad music, movies, trash books, silly romantic forums, vanity and gossip) then this will influence our behaviour. If we fill our minds with the things of God (Bible, Christian books, Christian fellowship, verse memory) then this, too, will show itself in our actions.

ii. **Be proactive.** Do not allow your thoughts to run wild anywhere they please. You have to take control of your thoughts. How? Evaluate whether the thoughts that pop into your mind are edifying or not. If they are lustful or tempting in any way, then stop it! Never think that you can control it, that you will just enjoy fantasizing about the temptation, but not do it. Don't even start going down that road.

iii. **Don't be idle.** As you have probably heard many times, "An idle mind is the devil's playground." Keep yourself and your mind busy doing good things. Don't just sit around lazily, or you will be more likely to fall into temptation.