

Group Questions

Great Joy in Trials

1. What is one of the hardest tests you ever passed?

Read I Peter 1:6–9

2. What is your honest reaction to Peter's instruction to rejoice in the midst of trials?

What does it take to be able to do this?

3. What are some benefits to learning to rejoice in the midst of trials?
4. In what ways can enduring trials well serve as a witness to our world?

Read I Peter 1:7; James 1:2–4; Romans 5:3–5

5. What is the purpose of trials in our life?
Why does God allow us to go through difficult things?
6. In what ways do trials prove the genuineness of our faith?
7. Is there a trial in your life that God can use to help someone else who may be going through the same trial?

What is it?

How can God use it?

Reflect

8. Do you struggle with loving and believing in Jesus when you can't see him?
In what ways can Christians help people love and believe in Jesus even though they cannot see him?
9. Share an experience that at the time was difficult to endure, but turned out to be something that brought good things into your life.
Are you able to praise God for that difficult time in your life?
What did you learn about your faith in God during that time?
How was your faith in God strengthened as a result of your trial?
Has God used you and your trial to be a source of encouragement to others going through similar trials?

Next Steps

- I am thankful that God can redeem trials and hardship in my life.
- Although painful, I will allow God to use my trials for his glory.
- My prayer is that my faith will be found precious in God's sight.



We are glad you have joined us today to worship. We want you to know that we have prayerfully planned this time together and that we do “church” on purpose.

Our mission is to **reach** people with the gospel message of Jesus Christ, **teach** people to become devoted disciples of His, **equip** people for acts of service, and **send** them into ministry.

As you join us today, we ask that you, also be intentional in your worship of God and purposefully focus on your relationship with Him.

God Bless you as we follow Him together. — Dr. Steven A. Crane

Great Joy in Trials — I Peter 1:6–9

1. The Reality of Trials (1:6)

2. The Purpose of Trials (1:7)

3. The Result of Trials (1:8–9)

Application