

RIVERVIEW CHURCH

HOME-GROUP QUESTIONS

The Truth About Trials

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1 Peter 1:6-9

QUESTION 1

How can we cultivate a mindset that views trials as opportunities for spiritual growth rather than just hardships to endure?

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QUESTION 2

In what ways might our perception of our own limitations differ from God's view of our potential, and how can we align our perspective with His?

QUESTION 3

How does the concept of God as a refiner, purifying us like gold, change our understanding of suffering and difficulties in life?

QUESTION 4

What are some practical ways we can respond to trials with joy, as both Peter and James instruct, even when it feels counterintuitive?

QUESTION 5

How might our approach to Christianity evolve from an 'elementary' or 'high school' level to a more mature 'graduate' level, particularly in how we view and respond to trials?

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In what ways can acknowledging our weaknesses, as Paul did, actually make us stronger in our faith and relationship with God?

How can we discern between trials that are a result of our own choices, God's discipline, or simply part of living in a fallen world?

What role does humility play in our ability to learn and grow from the trials we face, and how can we cultivate this quality?

How might viewing our lives as a work in progress, with God as the sculptor, change our attitude towards challenges and setbacks?

In what ways can our response to trials serve as a witness to others and bring 'praise, glory, and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ', as Peter mentions?

ADDITIONAL SCRIPTURE:

James 1:2-4