

# MESSAGE NOTES

“Different” series

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“Different Response”

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1 Peter

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Trials \_\_\_\_\_ your faith.

1 Peter 1:7

A \_\_\_\_\_ is something you’ll argue about, but a

\_\_\_\_\_ is something you die for.

Trials \_\_\_\_\_ your faith.

1 Peter 1:8-9; John 16:33; James 1:3-4

The good news is not that God saves us from our \_\_\_\_\_.

The good news is that God saves us from our \_\_\_\_\_.

Trials \_\_\_\_\_ you close to \_\_\_\_\_.

Romans 8:28; 1 Peter 4:13-16; 1 Peter 1:4

Jesus said, “In this world you will have \_\_\_\_\_.

But take heart! I have \_\_\_\_\_ the world.” (John 16:33,

NIV)

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# SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

For the week of October 6, 2024

## GETTING STARTED \_\_\_\_\_

1. What's the longest you've ever kept something valuable without realizing its worth? What was it? Explain.
2. Have you ever had a moment where you were in a tough situation but later realized it turned out to be a blessing in disguise? What was it?

## DIGGING DEEPER \_\_\_\_\_

1. We have heard it said, **God never wastes a painful season**. Can you identify a difficult time in your life when God used your pain for a greater purpose?

How did that situation grow your faith or bring you closer to God?

2. **1 Peter 1:6-9** speaks of joy amid trials. How do you reconcile the concept of joy with suffering?

According to the following verses, what do we learn about how we should respond in the face of trials/suffering?

- **Romans 5:3-5**
- **2 Corinthians 4:6-10**
- **James 1:2-12**

If you are a Christian, how did your faith play a role in that experience?

3. From the message, we learned people have one of four types of faith. How do you differentiate between **genuine faith** and **inherited, shallow, or conditional faith**?

Read the verses below and describe the type of faith mentioned.

- **Mark 4:35-41**
- **Job 23:10-17**
- **Jonah 1:1-3, 4:1-10**
- **2 Timothy 1:4-6**

What do you learn from each of these characters? Was there a consistent theme in each of their lives?

4. While we may not face the extreme persecution early Christians did, we still face challenges for our faith. Have you ever experienced ridicule, rejection, or loss because of your commitment to Christ?

If so, how did you respond and what did you learn?

## **PRACTICAL APPLICATION** \_\_\_\_\_

1. Pastor Rusty reminded us that we are chosen, royal, and loved by God, and that nothing can ever separate us from His love. How does knowing this, and knowing how God's story ends, impact the way you feel about life right now?

2. Think of someone in your life who is going through a challenging time. How can you be a source of encouragement and help them see God's hand at work, even in the struggle?

What's one area of your life where you can choose to trust God's plan, even if it's unclear right now? How can your group pray for you in this season?

## **PRAYER REQUESTS** \_\_\_\_\_