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Seasons

“A Season of Trusting”

1 Peter 1:6-7 (NLT)

So be truly glad. There is wonderful joy ahead, even though you must endure many trials for a little while. ⁷These trials will show that your faith is genuine. It is being tested as fire tests and purifies gold—though your faith is far more precious than mere gold. So when your faith remains strong through many trials, it will bring you much praise and glory and honor on the day when Jesus Christ is revealed to the whole world.

Sermon Summary:

Life is full of seasons—each with its own unique joys and challenges. These seasons can feel like a paradox: anticipated yet dreaded, predictable yet full of surprises. We often long for them to arrive, only to wish they would end once we’re in them. Seasons bring both excitement and frustration, tears of joy and moments of heartache.

Whether foreseen or unexpected, the changing of seasons can lead to weariness. We feel like the days are growing longer, our prayers unanswered, and our relationships stretched. Yet, these seasons are not only inevitable—they are necessary for growth. They are the spaces where we learn, mature, and align more deeply with God’s purpose for our lives.

In this series, we will explore how the real-life stories of ordinary people intersect with the timeless truths of Scripture, helping us navigate life’s varied seasons with hope, faith, and purpose. Through these stories, we’ll see how the gospel speaks directly into every stage of life—transforming our weariness into resilience and our frustrations into faith.

Ice Breaker Questions:

1. What’s something you once planned, but didn’t work out the way you envisioned?
2. When you have a hard day, what something that keeps you encouraged?
3. If you had to describe the current “season of life” you are in as a weather forecast, what would it be (sunny, partly cloudy, stormy, etc)?
4. Describe a time you had to wait for something good that was “ahead” while dealing with something hard now?

Scripture Study Questions:

1. What emotions or attitudes does Peter encourage during trials?
2. What kinds of trials does Peter say the readers “must endure”?
3. According to this passage, what is the purpose of trials in a believer’s life?
4. What does Peter say is the value of faith compared to gold?



5. What does it mean that faith is “genuine”? How is it shown through trials?
6. How does the imagery of fire testing gold help explain how God works through hardships?

Application Questions:

1. How can this passage help someone face a current challenge with hope?
2. Share about a time that your faith was tested. What did you learn about yourself and God?
3. What would it look like for your faith to bring “praise, glory and honor” in your everyday life?
4. How can we support each other in community when our faith is being tested?
5. What is one way you can shift your focus from the pain of the trial to the growth it can produce?
6. How might you pray differently this seek knowing that your faith is “more precious than gold”?