



Life Group Work Sheet

1 Peter 1:3-9

August 31, 2014

Getting to Know Each Other

1. Were you able to go to the All-Church Picnic? What was your favorite part of the service?

Into the Text

2. **Read 1 Peter 1:3-9.** What are some trials you have experienced?
 - a. "Trial" seems to indicate God is at work. What did God teach you in the moment of trial you just mentioned?
 - b. Did you feel close to God or distant from God in this situation? How do trials bring us closer to God?
3. **Read James 1:2-4.** What are some similarities and differences between 1 Peter 1:3-9 and James 1:2-4?
 - a. Why does James tell us to "count as joy" our sufferings? What does this look like?
 - b. Think of a past experience where you faced a trial. Were you able to "count it as joy"? If not, what would it look like to have joy in this situation?

4. In this section, Peter talks about proving your faith genuine in suffering. At the Spencer campus, we called this "not wasting your suffering." What does it mean to not "waste your suffering?" What does it look like?
5. Consider the following areas. How would these trials help someone to prove their faith genuine? What would a genuine faith look like in these situations?
 - a. A woman loses her job.
 - b. A man is underemployed (working in a position that he is over-qualified for).
 - c. A high school student suffers a sports injury and has to sit out the season.
 - d. A woman is diagnosed with cancer.