

RIVERVIEW CHURCH

HOME-GROUP QUESTIONS

Trials That Transform

With Pastor Mel Svendsen
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1 Peter 4:12-19

NOTES:

QUESTION 1

Peter denied Christ three times yet became a leader of the early church. How does this demonstrate God's grace and forgiveness in your own life when you have failed?

QUESTION 2

The sermon states that trials are tests designed to reveal where we need to change, not to inform God. What areas of your life have trials recently exposed that need transformation?

QUESTION 3

How do you respond when someone asks why God allows evil and suffering? Are you prepared to explain that suffering is a consequence of human choice and fallen creation rather than God's design?

QUESTION 4

The passage challenges us not to be surprised by suffering but to rejoice in it. How can you shift your perspective to see current trials as opportunities for spiritual growth rather than obstacles?

QUESTION 5

What is the difference between suffering as a consequence of sin versus suffering for righteousness sake? How can you discern which category your current struggles fall into?

