

CrossPoint Community Guide

Steadfast | Perspective is Everything

DINNER & DELIGHT *45 minutes*

- Share a time in your life when you remained steadfast. What did you experience and learn?

LEARN & STUDY *25 minutes*

Read together: 1 Peter 1v1-12

- What qualities of the inheritance does Peter emphasize in verse 4?
- In verses 6-7, Peter says believers experience both *joy* and *grief*. What does Peter teach about the purpose of trials? How does the image of gold refined by fire deepen our understanding of suffering and spiritual formation?
- Peter gives perspective for followers of Jesus to see what heaven sees (v. 12). Why is it necessary to keep this kingdom perspective?

PRACTICE & IMPLEMENT *40 minutes*

- Where are you tempted to want the fruits of the kingdom while rejecting the King? (*Note: It can be tempting to recognize this in others; be sure to honestly consider your own response.*)
- How do we live faithfully in a world where following Jesus no longer feels normal?
 - **Where have you forgotten what God has done?** How is God inviting you to live into an identity rooted in his mercy?
 - **What in your life feels unstable?** Where do you need to rest in God's future promises?
 - **What is God refining in your life?** How is God inviting you to rejoice in the midst of suffering so that your faith might be refined in the fire?
 - How might God be forming a faith in you that is refined through suffering, and how are you invited to respond with joy?
 - **Where is God inviting you to have kingdom perspective?**
- Do I truly believe that when the world feels less like home, God's mercy gives a living hope that makes us steadfast? How does my life show this?

REFLECT & PRAY *10 minutes*

- Pray for one another to remain steadfast.
- What is one takeaway from your time in community today?

 **NEXT WEEK:** 1 Peter 1v13-25