

Session 6

Opening Discussion

A) God's desire is to produce holiness in His children. What do you see as His means of achieving this?

B) To help make life easier we often rely on the wrong things. What might these be?

Bible Reading

- 1 Peter 1:3-9

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Key Points

a) God will take you where you do not want to go, in order to produce in you what you could not achieve on your own.

b) God is releasing us from our reliance on self and on temporary, created things so that we would fully rely on Him.

Discussion Questions

1) Peter uses the words grieve, trial and test to describe the means that God uses to bring about change in His children. How do we usually view these words and why would God use such means?

2) When we understand why and how God changes us, how should it influence the way we view circumstances in life and how we pray?

3) We all desire a comfortable and predictable life. How does relying on self and temporary, created things fool us into thinking we can achieve such a life?

Personal Application

A) Looking back on your own life, how has God used moments of grief, trial or testing to change your heart? How did you view it at the time and how do you view it now?

B) If you are currently experiencing difficult relationships (marriage, employment, family, friends) or if something has been removed from your life (job, relationship, status, health), how do you view these and how will you pray about them?

C) In what ways might you be relying too much on self or on temporary, created things to help you achieve a comfortable and predictable life?

Further Bible Study

- James 1:1-12