

Living It Up Series | 1 Peter | WEEK 2

Week 2: 1 Peter 1:6-9

Intro:

- Hello and Welcome to _____ (insert student ministry name)!
 - We are so glad you are here!
- We want you to Learn it, Live it, and Give it, with 'it' being the Gospel
- Want you to have your own relationship with the Lord!

Series:

- We started a new series last week called **Living It Up**
 - This phrase usually connects with living your best life now, having the most fun you can have, or taking advantage of all this life has to offer.
- What we are searching for in this series is how the Lord is calling us to live Holy!
 - V. 16 calls for us to be holy because the Lord is Holy

Main Idea: We can live Holy because OUR FAITH GROWS!

DQ 1: **When hard things happen in your life, what do you usually do to help you get through it?**

- This is our punchy question, and there are no wrong answers here! We want to hear from the students about what they honestly think. Create an environment where they can be honest here and encourage them to share what they think.
- Students may have some crazy answers here, but be alert with the answers because it might show what students cling to in times of need.

Reading: 1 Peter 1:6-9

- Context:
 - Peter- one of Jesus' disciples. Actually, one of the closest 3
 - Writing to believers in an area called Asia Minor
 - He is encouraging them because they are being attacked because of their faith

DQ 2: **Based on the passage, how should we react to trials or hard things in our life? It seems backwards to rejoice in trials. Why do you think the passage says this?**

- Answer: We should rejoice in trials because our faith grows in those times!
 - Get answers from the students about what they think about this. I am sure some of them will think this will be an interesting idea about rejoicing in trials.

Extra questions:

- Why is it hard to react with joy in trials?
- Why is it hard to trust our faith grows in trials?

Extra passages:

- **James 1:13** - God does not tempt us
 - Tempting is different from testing
- **Philippians 1:6** - God begins a good work in us until Jesus returns!
- **Ephesians 4:13-14** - We grow in the church to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ

DQ 3: Read through these passages- How do these passages encourage you and your faith in the Lord?

- **Passages:** James 1:2-4, Hebrews 12:3-11
- **Encouragements:**
 - The testing of our faith produces endurance
 - Endurance brings maturity and completeness (Philippians 1:6)
 - God disciplines those He loves
 - We can be encouraged when we are disciplined/given trials by Him because He loves us and wants us to grow!
 - Discipline yields peaceful fruit of righteousness

Final Punch:

- Jesus never said being a Christian would be easy:
 - John 15:18- If the world hates you, know that it has hated me before it hated you
- It is not IF we have trials in this life, it is WHEN!