



Dawn is Coming

Small Group Questions

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Getting Started

- What is the longest night you can ever remember? Take a moment to tell the story
- Are you an “up with dawn” kind of person or do you sleep in later? If you could choose, which would you be?
- Is there an area of your life that is in darkness right now that you are waiting for the dawn to come?

Going Deeper

Practice Lectio divina with your group. This is a common spiritual formation practice. It is a way to meditate on Gods word with a group. There are many different variations of how to do it. Here is one of my favorite ways of practicing it.

- 1.) Take a moment to read [1 Peter 1:1-7](#) twice through. On the first pass, try to notice a word or phrase that jumps out at you to meditate and think on. Give yourselves a minute to sit in silence and think.

2.) On the second pass ponder how that word or phrase relates to your life right now.

3.) After the second reading, share your word and how it relates to what you are going through in your life right now.

- Verse 6 says *“You may have had to suffer grief in all kinds of trials.”*

Name a trial that you’ve had to suffer through. Take a moment to talk about the hurt and pain of that moment.

Talk about a trial you have experienced at work. How did you overcome it? Now, are you able to connect how your Christian faith may have helped you at your work in that moment?

- Verse 7 says *“These have come so that the proven genuineness of your faith—of greater worth than gold, which perishes even though refined by fire—may result in praise, glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed.”*

Take a moment to talk about the growth that came as a result of the trial that you went through. Whether it was a work one or a personal life one. What lessons did you learn, what understanding did you gain, what compassion did you develop because of that darkness?

The advantage we have with studying the life of Peter is we can look back on the stories of his life to learn the truth of his words. On Sunday we found out two truths about God from Peter’s life. Take a moment to talk about each of these. Read the verses if you need to remind yourself about the stories of Peter’s life.

God uses people who are walking on water one minute and sinking the next

[Matthew 14:26-31](#)

God uses people who talk Him up one minute and put their foot in their mouth the next. [Matthew 16:13-19](#) / [Matthew 16:21-23](#)

What is one way you can apply what we have learned tonight to your relationships? With your kids if you have kids? With your spouse if you are married.

How could you apply what you learned tonight to your work? Is it possible?