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Daily Devotions and Small Group Discussion Questions | Week 1

This Week's Memory Verse

..to keep in your pocket, memorize, and hide in your heart:

The Lord is not slow to fulfill his promise as some count slowness,
but is patient toward you, not wishing that any should perish,
but that all should reach repentance.

- 2 Peter 3:9

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Scripture Reading

Daniel 12; 2 Peter 3:11-13; James 1:2-4, 12

Devotional Reading

Difficult times are inevitable.

Trials and hard times are God's way of refining us, and perseverance and steadfastness through trials ultimately leads to perfection in Christ. It is difficult to remain patient for the end during such times, but perseverance is key when waiting for Christ to return.

There is only one way to persevere through the trials that plague our walk on a daily basis, and it is to stay focused on the reward that awaits us. Just like a marathon runner or NASCAR driver racing for a prize, we have the eternity in the kingdom of God to keep us focused during our race. James 1:12 tells us, "Blessed is the man who remains steadfast under trial, for when he has stood the test he will receive the crown of life, which God has promised to those who love him."

When times get tough and we are struggling to persevere, we can find rest in the promise of the Lord, for "according to his promise we are waiting for new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells." In that new earth we have the gift of eternal life and the honor of dwelling in the glory of God, which gives us hope as we persevere through the world.

Faith In Action

Think about the times in your life when you faced hard times or a painful situation. Maybe you are going through one right now. How were you refined through those seasons? Remember the steadfastness that grew in you to help you focus on eternity.

Today's Prayer

God, thank you that you have promised eternal life in your presence through the sacrifice of your son, Jesus Christ. Thank you for giving me strength to face the trials of the past and help me to keep my eyes focused on you during the trials yet to come.