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1 Peter: Conversion and Salvation

In First Peter, we are encouraged to follow Jesus in a world that doesn't. We see that maturity is shown in how we handle trials and the things we can't control; **learning who we really are in the process.**

- *What are the things that expose your selfishness the most?*
- *How do we learn from our own reaction to trials?*

Read 1 Peter 1:3-9 together as a group, and followup with the following questions related to the text.

- *According to verse 3, where is our hope to be found?*
- *What should be our response to trials, according to verse 6?*

Conversion is when we surrender ourselves. It's a change that starts inside and works its way out. It's not skin deep, it's an inner truth of an experience with God.

- *In what ways do we see the demonstration of conversion in our lives?*
- *What does it mean to say that "conversion is NOT simply a formed prayer?"*

The good news of conversion is that **we no longer have to be the center of our own world.**

Conversion allows us to begin seeing ourselves as fundamentally selfish and in need of maturity.

- *1 Peter 1:7, refers to our faith being tested by fire. What do you think this means?*
- *How does the way we view ourselves as fundamentally good or fundamentally selfish affect our response to trials?*
- *In what ways does 1 Peter 1:4 and the promise of an inheritance help us? How does looking ahead with the 'end in mind' help us grow into mature followers of Jesus?*