



1. Pastor Rick said that there are four causes of the adversity we go through, what were they? Which ones do you think have caused adversity in your life?
Answer—The four sources of adversity we go through are 1. Myself, 2. The World, 3. Satan, and 4 God
2. Read Deuteronomy 8:1,2. What was the reason God gave for allowing Israel to wander in the desert for 40 years after he brought them out of Egypt? Have you ever considered that God is taking you through adversity in order to test whether or not you trust him? Can you think of a specific adversity in your life where you had to rely on God to get you through? What was the situation?
3. Pastor Rick said that there were five reasons that God allows adversity in our lives, what were they? Of these five, which ones do you think you have experienced?
Answer— The five reasons are: 1. To inspect me and show me what's wrong in my life, 2. To correct me and change a character flaw in my life, 3. To direct me, to point me in a new direction, 4. To protect me, keeping me from making a bigger mistake, and 5. To perfect me by making me more like Jesus.
4. Read 2 Corinthians 12:7-10. The apostle Paul faced a lot of adversity in his service to God. What reason does he give that God allowed him to suffer adversity? Believe it or not, Paul was actually glad for the adversity that he went through, why, what does he say adversity causes? Have you ever thanked God for the adversity you go through?
5. Read 1 Peter 4:12-17, 19 and discuss what this verse teaches us about the adversities we go through and how God wants us to respond to them.