Adult Sunday School – The Book of James Small Group Questions for October 22, 2023

If I had to think of a motto for the The Letter of James, it would be "Just Do It"

- 3. James tells us that we are not tempted by God, but by our evil desires. What are some of the evil desires prevalent in our world today? How do we overcome them? How important is having someone you are accountable to? 4. To be the first fruits of God's kingdom means we are his masterpieces of grace as we live our life for God on earth. By doing what God's word says (obedience), we will be shining lights to those who come after us. How have you seen this in your life? Who has been a "first fruit" to you? Who can you be a "first fruit" to?
- 1. James tells us to "consider it pure joy whenever you face trials of many kinds because you know that the testing of your faith develops perseverance." What trials or challenges have you experienced that grew your faith? Who have you seen in your life that is an example of this statement?
- 2. James 1:9-11 The brother in humble circumstances ought to take pride in his high position. But the one who is rich should take pride in his lowly position. For the sun rises with scorching heat and withers the plant, its blossom falls and its beauty is destroyed. In the same way, the rich man will fade away even while he goes about his business." Many of us in our church are rich by the world's standard. What is our lowly position? How do we accomplish this in our world of sufficiency? Can you think of someone who is in humble circumstances and yet is in a high position? What do you notice about them?
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