

James Series – Steadfast in Trials

SMALL GROUP NOTES

Tom Shaw, 27th January 2013

Introduction

Sunday saw us begin our new teaching series on the book of James entitled Steadfast. Tom Shaw began the series introducing the truth that we will face tests and trials but can be a steadfast people.

Overview

We saw from the beginning of James what seems like an impossible promise. That we can "count it all joy when we face trials of various kinds." We then unpacked 1 general key and 3 specific keys that will make the impossible possible.

General: **Ask** (God is good and will generously give what we ask)

Specific:

Count (get your emotions in line with God and what he is calling us to)

Know (get your mind in line with the promises of God)

Let (Work with God to let the trials and tests shape you)

Scriptures

James 1:1 - 9

Questions for discussion

Read the passage and discuss the following:

- 1) How do you react when God allows you to face tests and trials?
- 2) What is God doing in you through the trials you are currently facing?
- 3) How can we as Small Group support one another to allow steadfastness to grow through the trials we face?