

Trials & Temptations

Week 1 | James 1:1-18

James is a letter to the scattered church, encouraging them to live out their faith in unity in the midst of uncertainty for the **glory** of God.

Gospel Communities are a place where the context of family is cultivated and the content of the gospel is nurtured for the sake of spiritual growth and multiplication.

These communities are designed to foster a family-like environment through the means of eating together, praying for each other, and sharing our lives with one another.

At the same time, Gospel Communities are purposefully centered on the gospel, as it is the gospel that provides all measures of growth. Therefore, as you read the passage of Scripture, be sure to note how this text connects with the rest of the Bible and points to the good news of Jesus Christ.

BEFORE YOU START

Pray for God to illuminate his word, guide the conversation, and stir our souls.

When you are faced with a difficult situation, how do you tend to respond?

Have someone read **James 1:1-18**.



Compare and contrast trials and temptations. What is the purpose of trials? What is the cause of temptations? How are we meant to respond to each?



Has there been a trial in your life that you can clearly see how the Lord used it to draw you nearer to himself? What happened?



What is a trial that you are currently facing? What do you notice about the posture of your heart towards God and your circumstances?



How can you respond to and endure through the trials you are currently facing this week in order to better find peace in the Lord and magnify his glory?

BEFORE YOU'RE SENT

What is God teaching you? What are you going to do about it? How can we help?

How can we pray for you? For your neighbors?