



## Life Group Discussion—March 20, 2024

### *James 1:2-4—Maturing through trials*

**James 1:2–4 (ESV)** <sup>2</sup> Count it all joy, my brothers, when you meet trials of various kinds, <sup>3</sup> for you know that the testing of your faith produces steadfastness. <sup>4</sup> And let steadfastness have its full effect, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing.

### **2 KEYS TO MATURE FROM TRIALS (2-4)**

#### **1. CONSIDER IT ALL JOY (2-3)**

*Trials are defined as being put into a difficult circumstance, but just going through the trial does not necessarily result in a spiritual benefit. Knowing that trials are inevitable, how are you preparing now to face a trial in a manner that would aim to mature spiritually?*

*What are you hoping would and wouldn't be exposed in a trial?*

*Have you wasted the opportunity to mature through a trial in the past? If God provided the opportunity for you to grow, what caused you to waste the trial?*

*What causes you to resist the timing, duration, or specifics of a trial now?*

## 2. CONSENT TO THE PROCESS (4)

*God in fact does want to do a work in your life when you are in trails. What are some passages that have helped shape your steadfastness (patience/endurance) in a trial?*

*What temptations do you face before, during, and after a trial?*

*As we understand all people face trials and temptations, what causes us to isolate ourselves from other brothers and sisters in Christ?*

*Where do you value personal comforts more than growing in character?*

*What are some unbiblical ways you have been taught to respond to a trial?*