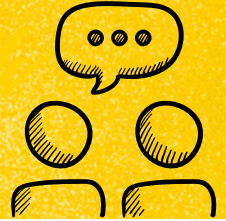




# the book of James

Life Group Discussion

**James 1:1-12**



**reminder of purpose**

The goal of studying Scripture is not simply to gain information, but rather:

- To get to Jesus (Jn 5.39-40)
- To obey it (James 1.22)
- To be transformed (Heb 4.12; 2 Tim 3.16-17)

## Key Verse

James 1:2 | Count it all joy, my brothers, when you meet trials of various kinds.

## Application Questions

- WHAT IS A STRUGGLE IN YOUR LIFE THAT YOU ARE HAVING A HARD TIME "COUNTING IT JOY"?
- How does what God has said through James 1:1-12 change how you live this week?

## Life Questions

- Anything we can pray for this week?
- Anyone hurting around you that we can pray for or love this week?

## Potential Discussion Questions

- 1.1 | The Author: James, is Jesus' little brother. Why don't you think that James introduced himself as Jesus' brother?
- 1.5-8 | What is wisdom? Is it something that is learned from experience or received from God? (1 Corinthians 2.1-5)
- 1.2-8 | Are you quick to ask God to answer prayers, or quick to work hard to figure it out on your own? Is one way right and the other wrong?
- 1.9-12 | How does remembering the brevity of life and the reward of heaven change the way we live through struggles? What about in the good times?
- WHY ARE CHRISTIANS ABLE TO COUNT STRUGGLES JOY?
- Some believe that God's goal is to make them happy. What does this passage have to say regarding that thought?
- If the gospel isn't true, then how would that change the way we approach struggles compared to this passage?