

## Trust The Process Trial To Triumph

### TALK IT OVER

**Big Idea of the Series:** The goal of any follower of Christ is to become more like him. Our entire lives are pointing us in that direction. However, sometimes we fail to truly see that while we participate, it is God who is changing us. He is setting us apart as his own and shaping us to be with him forever. It is not an overnight success, it will come only as he has decided. We just have to trust the process.

Using your Bible or Movement Church APP read.

Have one in the group read... **James 1:2-8**

*<sup>2</sup> Consider it all joy, my brethren, when you encounter various trials, <sup>3</sup> knowing that the testing of your faith produces endurance. <sup>4</sup> And let endurance have its perfect result, so that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing. <sup>5</sup> But if any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all generously and without reproach, and it will be given to him. <sup>6</sup> But he must ask in faith without any doubting, for the one who doubts is like the surf of the sea, driven and tossed by the wind. <sup>7</sup> For that man ought not to expect that he will receive anything from the Lord, <sup>8</sup> being a double-minded man, unstable in all his ways. **James 1:2-8***

**Big Idea of the Message:** We are called to trust God is at work in us, no matter the circumstance.

**Key Question:** James wants us to live undivided lives, wholly devoted to God. But we struggle because, though we love God, we also love the world and what it offers. So we follow God and embrace His values in some areas of life, and we follow the world and its values in other areas of life.

Identify any areas in your life where you are following the pattern of this world rather than God. In other words, identify thoughts, attitudes, affections, actions, and pursuits in your life that follow the ways of the world rather than the ways of God.

**Start Talking.** Find a conversation starter for your group.

- What is the one thing that stood out from this week's message?
- What does it mean to know that God is working through all our situations?

**Start Thinking.** Ask a question to get your group thinking.

- Joy is not the product of circumstances but rather the most fundamental expression of faith. How can you express "joy" during the various trials you encounter?
- Think about a few of the most difficult trials you have faced. Do you think you responded well or poorly? What thoughts or beliefs dominated your mind and your emotions in each circumstance?
- Trials are signs of God's work among and within us. James speaks to God's plan of leading us to maturity through our struggles. Have you ever considered that some trials or challenges we face are the result of *having* faith and not the *need* for it? How does that encourage you?

**Start Sharing.** Choose a question to create openness.

- James says that God gives wisdom "generously to all without finding fault" (1:5). In what ways does this encourage you to continue coming to God with your questions?
- We cannot expect to grow unless we are willing to let God lead us in the process. How and in what ways are you willing to trust God in the process?

**Start Sharing.**

- Are there other members in your group, or friends or family that are suffering right now? How can you encourage them this week?
- What can you do specifically to bless them?

**Memorize.** James 1:2-3

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