



THIS WEEK

GRACE COMMUNITY CHURCH, KAILUA KONA, HAWAII

happenings

Ladies Bible Study: Starting **September 16/17th**, we are re-starting the Mark study by Lisa Harper that was planned last Spring. If you already have a book - you are ready! If you need to get one, there is still plenty of time. Please email women@gracekona.org to sign up or if you have any questions.

Families Strengthening

Families: Come join us for an open air, Foster Care informational recruitment session on **Saturday August 29th 10:00-11:00 AM** in the Church Events Pavilion. Please email Patty Kaholokula at kaholokulap@hibh.org for more information.

Would you like to be a part of TEAMSUNDAY?

We need volunteers to join Team Sunday. The Team will be responsible to prepare the pavilion for Sunday worship. Please see Julie Lucas or inquire at the Church office if you are able to serve in this way.



SERMON NOTES

Andrew Severinsen

Big Idea: James writes to his former church members, "If you want your trials to produce the maturity and completeness that God intends..."

- ... guard your tongue tightly from anger against God.
- ... love your fellow believers impartially and tangibly, for this will demonstrate your faith that God is in control.
- ... and avoid the world's polluting responses to difficulties, as you wait patiently for the Lord and minister prayerfully to each other.
- Through it all, patiently persevere and pray.
- And count it all JOY.

GRACE GROUP discussion questions

**Spend some time catching up and talking story.
Spend some time in the text - Read James 5.**

Reflecting on James — What is James' encouragement to us? And how does it apply to our lives today?

1. How has this summer in James impacted your thinking about God, trials, temptation, and faith?
2. In chapter 1, James warns us about allowing our trials to become a temptation... What do you remember his encouragement to be so that we would avoid this?
3. In chapter 2, James encourages us to love others... how does he encourage us to display this love, and how does our love demonstrate our "faith"?
4. In chapters 3-4, James challenges us to consider how we use our tongue and the impacts our words can have... Is this the most challenging teaching in James' letter? If so, why is this so difficult?
5. In chapters 4-5, James challenges us with our perspective on money and possessions. What was the most challenging instruction James gave us?
6. As James concludes his letter, he encourages us to "hang in there" and patiently persevere through our various trials. Does his mean we are to be passive? Or are we to actively stay patient? How so?
7. What do you think of all the Old Testament examples that James mentions in his letter?

Challenge — if time allows...

Read 2 Timothy together as a group and make observations. [Andrew will teach from 2 Timothy this Sunday]

Spend some time sharing and praying together.