



Life in Crisis: Stay Faithful

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Small Group Discussion Questions

Getting Started

Take some time to catch up and connect as a group. Pray before discussion. Expect God to move through your time together!

Pacing Your Group

Move quickly through “observation” leaving enough time for “reflection”, “discussion”, and “surrender.”

Scripture Reading

Re-read the scripture passages as needed when you discuss the questions.

Observation: *What does this scripture passage say?*

Read: James 1: 1-15

1. What action steps does James recommend as we go through trials? (v1-15)
2. What does James say we will receive if we persevere through trials? (v1-15)

Reflection and Discussion: *What are some first thoughts flowing from the scriptures?*

Talk together about how the scriptures connect to everyday life.

3. James doesn't say *if* you face trials, but *whenever* you face them. He assumes that we will have trials and that it is possible to profit from them. The point is not to pretend to be happy when we face pain, but to maintain perspective of what trials can produce. What has made it difficult to maintain a Godly perspective this week? What positive things or perspectives have you gained this week?
4. We can't really know the depth of our character until we see how we react under pressure. God wants to make us mature and complete, not to keep us from all pain. God will not leave us alone with our problems, he will stay close to us and help us grow. How do you see God growing you and those around you in this season?
5. Temptation comes from evil desires inside of us and Satanic influences outside of us, not from God. Sin grows more destructive the more we let it have its way. Resisting temptation and being tested in our faith are ways we can grow in our relationship and dependence on Christ. What strategies do you use to battle temptation?
6. Who are you most concerned for right now? After each person shares, pray as a group.

Surrender: Responding to God's voice.

7. What is one thing God is saying to you through this study and discussion?

**** Take some time to pray for one another in response to what has been discussed today ****

We're here!

We would love to hear about how things are going in your small group!
Reach out any time with questions, ideas, thoughts, or concerns.

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