

# Discussion Questions

## **INTRODUCTION**

Adversity and struggle come to everyone. How a person responds to struggle reveals the quality and strength of their wisdom. What perspective can we gain from the Bible so that we negotiate adversity well when it comes?

## **GETTING STARTED**

1. In great books and movies, inspiring characters always have to struggle through adversity. Describe a favorite movie or book character who overcomes tremendous adversity?
2. Describe a moment of adversity you experienced in the past. Did you learn anything from that time?

## **BIBLE IDEA**

3. Read James 1:2-18. From this passage, what is the key to having true wisdom in adversity? Why?
4. How does perspective affect how a person experiences adversity? Describe the key qualities of a healthy perspective that results in a more positive future.
5. Have you witnessed someone grow through adversity? Have you seen someone crumple under adversity? What were the differences between the two?

## **NEXT STEPS**

6. What is a current struggle you are facing today? What area of your character is the struggle exposing? How are you doing with the adversity?
7. Where do you feel prone to complain? What can you do differently to use this area as an opportunity to grow?

## WISDOM IN ADVERSITY

### Reflections on Wisdom #2

James 1:2-8

<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. <sup>5</sup> If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask God, who gives generously to all without reproach, and it will be given him. <sup>6</sup> But let him ask in faith, with no doubting, for the one who doubts is like a wave of the sea that is driven and tossed by the wind. <sup>7</sup> For that person must not suppose that he will receive anything from the Lord; <sup>8</sup> he is a double-minded man, unstable in all his ways.

James 1:9-18

**There is a wisdom that can only be found in the \_\_\_\_\_  
of adversity!**

#### **4 lessons of wisdom taught in adversity:**

A. Wisdom teaches me to see adversity \_\_\_\_\_.

Romans 8:18, 2 Corinthians 4:16-18

B. Wisdom uses adversity to develop \_\_\_\_\_.

Luke 8:15; 2 Thessalonians 1:4; Ephesians 4:13-14; Romans 8:35; Proverbs 30:8-9

C. Wisdom exposes the source of my \_\_\_\_\_.

D. Wisdom leverages adversity into \_\_\_\_\_.