## **Group Questions**

- 1. How do unbelievers you know attempt to make it through painful circumstances? How have you persevered through such times in your life?
- 2. What qualifies as a trial? What about a temptation? How do trials test the genuineness of your faith?
- 3. If true faith endures to the end, how is this not a way of earning your salvation?
- 4. How should the need to persevere in faith affect the way we counsel those who have just recently professed Christ?
- 5. Explain how believing in God's sovereignty through our trials is crucial to persevering faith.
- 6. List some ways painful circumstances and unanswered questions can actually strengthen your faith.
- 7. Since God is sovereign, does this mean we are not at fault when we give in to sin? Explain your answer.
- 8. How does Scripture counsel us to overcome sin's attractions?
- 9. If someone no longer has an interest in being a Christian due to a trial, what should we conclude about that person's faith? How would you counsel that person?
- 10. What role does knowing our final reward play in enduring trials?