



Group Questions

1. Who was James and whom was he writing to in this book?
2. Why do you think he starts with this topic of joy in suffering? Why not start with another one of the teachings found in chapter 1?
3. James presents a process in vv. 3-4. What is he trying to accomplish by bringing up perseverance, character, and maturity? How do you think that was received by those reading this letter
4. Do you agree with the following statement: "We often pray to God to change our circumstances but what God wants to do is use our circumstances to change us."
5. Read Psalm 22 then Matthew 27:45. Why does Jesus quote scripture in his time of great pain?
6. What are you facing now? Leaders; assist your group members in finding a verse that could help them with what they are currently facing.