



Life Group Discussion Guide
Faith in Practice
How does faith work in trials? – James 1:1-12
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Main thought:

Trials reveal and refine our faith.

Notes:

Who is James?

- Not James the son of Zebedee
- Not James the son of Alphaeus
- James the half-brother of Jesus

Outline:

- Attitude in trials (v. 2)
- Advantage of trials (vv.3-4)
- Assistance in trials (vv. 5-8)
- Avoid wrong thinking in trials (vv. 9-11)
- Attain reward in trials (v. 12)

Ice-Breaker

- What is a hobby you enjoy?
- What is a home project, craft or hobby that you tried that didn't go so well?

Verse of the week

- What is a verse or truth from God's Word that stood out to you this week from your own personal Bible reading?

Digging In

Read or recap James 1:1-12, and discuss the following questions.

- What stood out to you from this passage?
- What is something new you learned about James? What is something you admire about James? (v.1)
- What does it mean to have joy in the midst of trials? What is your response to this statement? (v.2)



- What is the advantage of trials (vv. 3-4)? How has God used trials in your life to grow your faith?
- Talk about the resource we're offered in our trials and the requirement for receiving it in (vv. 5-9). Do you struggle to receive and rely on God's wisdom and not your own in trials?
- What is the warning (vv. 9-11)? Why do you think James addresses this?
- Why is it important persevere in trials rather than run away or try to wriggle out of them? (v. 12)

Application

- What key encouragement or take-away will you apply from the passage this week?

Praying as a group

- How can we be praying for each other this week and apply this passage to our lives?