

## Life Group Discussion Material - Sunday, October 11<sup>th</sup> Message

### Faith in Trials: James 1:1-12

#### *Refine Your Faith*

1. James can be referred to as the book of *doing* the Christian life. What does this mean? How does one “do” the Christian life?
2. In verse 2, James says not “if” you face trials/temptations but “when” you face them. How does knowing that you **will** face trials/temptations help you prepare for them?
3. Read verse 2 again. How often do you look at trials/temptations with joy, focusing on how God will mature you through the situation? How often do you do the opposite and whine, complain, or outright reject how God wants to grow you?
4. What should your response be in order to mature spiritually during trials? Read verse 5.
5. Besides the possibility of getting an answer of how to handle a situation, why do you think asking for wisdom helps during trials?  
*Hint: If you slow down and ask for wisdom, where is your focus going?*
6. Do you expect to get wisdom when you ask (verses 6-8) or do you have a defeatist attitude and don't expect God to answer?
7. How often is the answer simply to trust God in waiting during a trial? How long do you wait before you start to get frustrated or doubt?
8. Read 2 Corinthians 11:3. What will keep you from drifting into doubt?
9. Trials don't discriminate (James 1:9-11). How should this help you be prepared for different seasons of life?
10. What should be the habitual response to trials/temptations if you are allowing your faith to be refined and mature?