



A STUDY OF JAMES

HOW FAITH WORKS IN TEMPTATIONS

How Faith Works-Part 2:

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James 1:9-18

Tips for using this discussion guide.

Purpose

The primary purpose of this discussion guide is to reinforce and deepen the lessons of a Grace Church sermon series.

Tips

- < Set the Tone: Help create a relaxed, welcoming, expectant environment for God by greeting and learning about each other.
- < Pray: Pray at the beginning of each meeting as well as between meetings.
- < Balance the Communication Flow: As a group leader or a member, give opportunities for each person to engage in the discussion, instead of dominating the conversation.
- < Select the Questions: It is not necessary to discuss all the questions or to discuss them in order. You may begin with the question that you believe will generate the most meaningful discussion for your group.
- < **Say "I Don't Know"**: The group leader does not need to have all the answers. Saying "I don't know" is an acceptable answer in small group meetings.

Discussion Questions

1. Read James 1:9-11.
 - In what ways can material riches tempt us?
 - Read Proverbs 23:4-5, Proverbs 19:1, and 1John 2:17. From an eternal perspective, how important are material riches?

2. Read James 1:12 and 1Peter 1:6-7.
 - How does God view our faith in tribulations?
 - What rewards has God prepared for those who endure temptation?

3. Read James 1:13-16, Mark 7:20-23, and Ephesians 4:22. What is the origin of temptation?

4. Read James 1:17-18.
 - What words does James use to describe the gifts that God gives us?
 - Read Matthew 7:11 and 1John 4:10. What aspects of God's gift giving hold special significance for you?