



James

Part 2 – Steadfast Under Trail

Discussion Guide

Mature and complete so you do not lack in anything. God wants to work on those issues deep down inside of you; so that He can increase our faith to develop wholeness in our life. This week we will look at how through trials our ability to persevere makes us stronger.

Jump Start

Leader: This section is designed to get discussions started, examine God's truth and apply it to our week.

1. Ask your group members if they prefer cake or pie? If so, what kind?
2. **Read James 1:2-8, 1 Peter 1:6-7** How does James describe trials? Why is this significant? How do you know when you are in a trial?
3. **Read James 1:12-15, 1 Corinthians 10:13** When God turns the heat up in your life, what is your knee jerk reaction? Is it consistent with what you learned in James 1?
4. **Read James 1:16-17, Psalm 100:4-5, Psalm 145:9, Matthew 7:11** Do you believe that God is good? How does your life currently reflect the goodness of God? Make a list of all the good things God has given you during this season of life.
5. **Read James 1:2-4, Proverbs 4:23** *What can you do to prepare for temptation? Do you think having a community of believers around you will help you avoid temptations. Will you be willing to humbly open up with your community and share your trails in order to find victory?*
6. **Memorize James 1:2-4**

Deeper

Leader: This section is designed for further use in your Life Group or for personal study. These can also be used as discussion points and ways to stay connected with your group throughout the week.

The Book of Daniel tells of the struggles of four men from the royal family of David. It tells how they try to maintain hope in the land of their conquerors. We will peer into the story of the three friends and their steadfast obedience to God during trials.

7. **Read [Daniel 3: 1-18](#), [John 14:15](#)** What was King Nebuchadnezzar building? Why were Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego refusing to bow to it? In what ways are you tempted to compromise your faith in order to be accepted by others?
8. **Read [Daniel 3:13-18](#), [Revelation 12:11,3](#) [John 3: 3-4](#), [Isaiah 43:2](#)** Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego were placed in the furnace as a group. How can the faith of those around you affect how you respond to trials?
9. **Read [Daniel 3:24-25](#)**, Define the word Christophany. How did King Nebuchadnezzar respond? What do you think changed his position?
10. **Read [Daniel 3:28-30](#), [Romans 12:12](#), [Luke 16:10](#)** Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego's faith affected an entire Kingdom. How can we begin to stop asking God to remove us from the fire, but begin to look for God in the midst of the fire?