

James
1:13-18
9.15.13

Remember

Make sure everyone in the group knows one another. Have someone share a story about someone trying to deceive them? Discuss the story with the group.

When you think about the connection between enduring trials and the onslaught of temptation, what comes to your mind?

Read James 1:13-18

What stands out to you from the passage or from the sermon?

Deepen

Why are we tempted when we are in the midst of trials?

The Deceiving Power of Sin – vv. 13-15

- What were some things from the sermon that connected with you here?
- What are some ways that sin deceives us?
- What are some of the promises sin makes?
- Talk about how James describes the slope toward sin. Temptation – desires – sin – death. How can we help one another fight against this?
- Read Hebrews 11:23-28. What do we learn from this part of Moses' life in reference to the fight against sin?

The Powerful Promises of God – vv. 16-18

- Anything from this section that stood out to you as you listened to the sermon?
- James engage the lies of sin with three promises about God.
 - God doesn't want to keep anything from you.
 - God doesn't change.
 - God saved us from death and gives us a new life.
- Talk about specific ways these truths engage sin's lies.
- How do you feel when you think about James 1:18? That God...knowing all the ways you would choose death...brought you forth by the word of truth?

Transform

Why do we believe sin's lies? What kind of ammunition do we have to fight these?

Read Psalm 119:9-16

If our battle is against false promises and the word of truth is what brings us from death to life, what does that say about the importance of God's Word in our life?

How can we encourage one another toward God and his promises?