

## James

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### James 1:1-12

#### Reminders

- Look for new people and help them connect to Community Group.
- Encourage your group to read through James.

#### Remember

When you think about the book of James, what's your first response?

How can we work to remind one another to depend on Jesus as we study the book together?

#### Deepen

Review the four types of people in James' audience and discuss questions for each.

- **Suffering Servants - vv. 2-4**
  - What do we know about the people James is writing to?
  - What are some various trials you have endured? Anyone enduring one now?
  - How does 1 Peter 1:6-9 encourage you to endure trials?
- **Confused Disciples - vv. 5-8**
  - Why is it so hard for us to ask for wisdom?
  - Read 2 Chronicles 1:7-13. What do you see in Solomon's life in reference to wisdom?
  - How does God's character in both James and 2 Chronicles encourage us to ask for wisdom?
- **Unsettled Servant - vv. 9-11**
  - Why should poor and rich followers of Jesus rejoice?
  - When are you tempted to think that money is the answer to the satisfaction of your heart?
  - How does Jeremiah 9:23-24 connect to James?
- **Steadfast Followers - v. 12**
  - What is important about understanding that we will have trials? How does this protect us from becoming disillusioned?
  - What is the connection between being steadfast under trials and being blessed?

#### Transform

When you see the type of person James is writing to, what comes to your mind? Do you identify with one of them?

Read the following and trace the story of what happened with some of these people.

- Read Acts 8:1-4
- Read Acts 11:19-21

When you think about what these men and women did in Acts and how James engages them, how does that give you courage to pursue God's call on your life?

What would be some important next steps for you to trust Jesus more and pursue him with greater courage?

What would that look like for you in the normal course of your life?