

LIFEGROUP

STUDY ON JAMES 1:1-6

These LifeGroup questions are structured to allow for deeper discussions following on from the Sunday sermon on the book of James. Please don't limit yourself to just these questions, feel free to ask more questions as the Spirit leads. But please don't feel you have to answer all of them either. May the Spirit lead you and your group to dig deeper into knowing more about God.

WARMING UP

1. When was the last time you were truly "joyful"? What happened?
2. Define "joy" in your own words.
3. What's the difference between "joy" and "happiness"?
4. What would be the opposite of "joy"?

READ JAMES 1:1-6

5. Why did the author tell us we should rejoice when we face trials?
6. What kind of trials do you think James is highlighting in this passage?
7. What does it mean to be "made perfect and complete"? And how do we attain this?
8. James tells us to ask God for his wisdom, but how should we ask? Why is this so?

OPEN SHARING

9. What does wisdom mean? Are you wise? Or wise in some areas but not in other areas? How so?
10. Do you think God is the cause of our difficult circumstances? Why or why not?
11. Consider a time where you experienced the most difficult trials ever. What happened? If you could revisit that moment again, what would you have done differently?
12. Why is it a challenge for us to respond to trials with joy?

MOVING FORWARD IN PRAYER

13. What difficult trials are you currently facing right now and need prayer for? Or is there someone else currently suffering in whom you want to ask others to pray for?

Respond by lifting one another up in prayer. Pray particularly for God's wisdom to be upon each brother and sister, in how they can deal with their situations, tests or trials, not merely by knowledge, but what to do with the knowledge and apply it to their lives.