

THE BOOK OF JAMES

LET'S GO

SCRIPTURE: James 1:5-12

1. **BELONG** – Remember, this section isn't a filler, but a genuine time to slow down and assess how people are doing in their personal and spiritual lives. Feel free to change the questions, but the point is to truly sit in this moment to allow time and space for encouraging spiritual connectivity.
 - A. How has this year started out for you?
 - B. Are there any big decisions coming up where you will need wisdom or counsel?
 - C. With this conversation in mind, spend some time praying for one another.

2. **DISCOVER** – Read James 1:5-12 together. Remember, this is meant to be a dialogue not a monologue. Being a Life Group leader doesn't mean you have to be a subject matter expert. It simply means that you are the lead learner. Discover the Word together. Be an active listener as people respond to the text; ask them follow up questions. Help the group think through what they're saying and how it applies to them spiritually.
 - A. Thinking back to Brad's message on this passage, what points or illustrations come to mind?
 - B. Given the context of this chapter and book, how would you summarize the primary theme of this section of scripture?
 - C. What truth(s) does this passage teach us about **God**?
 - Can you think of any other passages in scripture that support this truth?
 - D. What truth(s) does this passage teach us about **us**?
 - Can you think of any other passages in scripture that support this truth?
 - E. How do the truth(s) communicated in this passage apply to each of us as followers of Jesus?

3. **GO** – Take time to apply the text. We are stewards of the learnings from the Word. Once we hear truth, we are called to live it out. If our groups just sit and talk about information, they won't experience transformation. This section is about keeping one another accountable for living out what we're learning.
 - A. Are there areas in your life where you are doubting or not trusting God? What do you need to trust Him for?
 - B. What are you pursuing apart from God in your own strength?
 - C. How would you describe that message to someone who hasn't read James? Who will you share that message with?

4. **PRAY** - Petition the Lord together as you close out your group with outward focused prayer. How might the truths in these scriptures impact the way you live and make a spiritual difference in the lives of others?