

SCRIPTURE: James 1:13-18

1. **BELONG** – The focus of our Life Groups is to build an environment of connection with others and to foster spiritual growth. The Belong section is crucial for you and your group to catch up, share your stories of the week, and to encourage one another. Feel free to tweak the questions as you lead.
  - A. What about your current season of life excites or frustrates you?
    - How have you seen the Lord working in your sphere of influence this week?
    - Has anyone started a spiritual conversation with a person who doesn't know Jesus recently?
  - B. What obstacles or problems do you find yourself wrestling with?
  - C. How have you been growing spiritually over the past several weeks/months?
    - With this conversation in mind, spend some time praying for one another.
  
2. **DISCOVER** – Read James 1:13-18 together. This section is all about discovering 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 section of scripture, 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 passage?
  - C. What truth(s) does this passage teach us about the character of **God**?
    - Can you think of any other passages in scripture that support this truth?
  - D. What truth(s) does this passage teach us about the character of **mankind**?
    - 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 to living out what we've learned.
  - A. What steps will you take this week to live out James 1:13-18?
  - B. How have you seen the cycle of temptation in your own life? How might understanding the source of your temptations and your blessings change the way you view the Lord?
  - C. How would you describe the truth of this passage to a neighbor or coworker? Who will you share that message with this week?
  
4. **PRAY** - **Petition** the Lord together as you close out your group time.
  - A. Be intentional to pray with one another thanking the Lord for some of the good and perfect gifts that He has given to you.
  - B. Ask the Lord to build within your group members a heart of thankfulness and praise.