



CONNECT GROUP GUIDE

“Trials & Temptations” Week 3: James 1:9-18

Read passage together.

James continues in this passage talking about trials but addresses two types of people: rich people and poor people. Most trials that we go through have to do with personal needs such as finances. We tend to think that money will solve all of our issues which is not true. The truth is, people that are rich have just as many problems, if not more than people with no money. It is not wrong to have wealth but scripture gives many warnings when it comes to earthly riches.

1. Jesus says in Matthew 19:23 that it is hard for a rich person to enter the kingdom of heaven. Why do you think this is so?
2. What does Jesus teach us about those that will enter the kingdom of heaven in Matthew 5:3-10?
3. How can someone be humble?

In James 1:13-18, he switches gears and starts talking about temptation and sin. What is the difference between trials and temptations?

4. What is sin?
5. Based on what James says, what causes us to sin?
6. How can we identify and combat temptation in our daily lives?
7. What are some examples of "good and perfect" gifts from God that you have experienced?
8. What sin in your life do you need to confess and repent of?

Spend some time in prayer as a group.

- Pray for humility and a proper perspective on wealth and status.
- Pray for strength and wisdom to endure trials and resist temptation.
- Give thanks for the good and perfect gifts from God and ask for guidance to live as first fruits of His creation.

Important announcements:

- Recovery Jam is Sept 29th, at 4pm. It will be located at the Toombsboro park. Please get the word out.
- Invite 3 unchurched people to church this week! Live on mission!