

James

Scripture:

James 1:1-18

Also

James 3:13-18, 4:14; 1 Corinthians 10:13; 2 Timothy 4:8

Discussion Questions

What has challenged you, changed you or confused you from this week's sermon or the book of James?

1. Read James 1:2. What do you think when you hear the phrasing, "when" you meet trials, instead of "if" you meet trials?
 - Do you have an expectation of meeting trials each day?
 - Did you expect to meet the trial you're currently in?
2. In this week's sermon, 5 truths undergird a God-centered faith that assures us of the ability to endure trials!
 - My God will redeem it all
 - My God will provide
 - My life is in God's hands
 - My God has a promise of hope over my life
 - My God is behind me to overcome temptation
 - Which of those ideas connects most meaningfully to where you are right now? Why?
 - Which one are you most drawn to doubt? Why?
3. This theme connects with the idea from last week's sermon on Hebrews that faith is confidence that God is who He says He is and He will do all He has promised to do.
 - Have you talked to God about where you feel your faith might be weaker?
 - If not, would you be willing to try it?
4. It's interesting that things like our strength, our resources, our resolve, our knowledge, our efforts are not in the points from the sermon that undergird our faith. Why is that?
5. What are some things that you can do this week (or tonight!) that would build your confidence in God?

May our faith, hope and love shine as a beacon of light in our dark world.