

Ladies Bible Study Questions for Week 1

James 1:1

1. Share as many things as you can that you have learned about James, the writer of this book.
2. What was James' relationship to God? What does this mean? Is our relationship to God the same? Read Mark 9:35. Share your insight into this verse.
3. Who were the recipients of this letter and why did they live where they did? Why do you think God allowed this persecution?
4. The book was written to Jewish Christians. Does it apply to us as well? In what way?
5. Why would the early church be identified as "scattered seed"?
6. Read John 7:1-5. What was the attitude of the brothers?
7. Since Mary was the mother of both of James and Jesus and she knew that Jesus was the son of God, do you think there might have been some interesting family discussions? What do you think might have been said? (This is pure conjecture!) How do you think you would have reacted if Jesus was your big brother?
8. Let's read I Corinthians 15:4-7. Why do you think Jesus appeared to James, alone? What was the event that caused James to believe that Jesus was the Messiah?
9. According to Galatians 2:9 James, along with Peter and John, was cited as being one of the pillars of the church. Let's turn to that verse to see how their ministry affected Paul. How might things have turned out differently if they had not given their approval and blessing to Paul and Barnabas?
10. How does James' unbelief and then belief, encourage you?