

## James – Small Group Study Week 1

**Verses for the week:** James 1:1-8 (English Standard Version)

### *Greeting*

1 James, a servant<sup>a</sup> of God and of the Lord Jesus Christ,  
To the twelve tribes in the Dispersion:  
Greetings.

### *Testing of Your Faith*

2 Count it all joy, my brothers,<sup>b</sup> when you meet trials of various kinds, 3 for you know that the testing of your faith produces steadfastness. 4 And let steadfastness have its full effect, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing. 5 If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask God, who gives generously to all without reproach, and it will be given him. 6 But let him ask in faith, with no doubting, for the one who doubts is like a wave of the sea that is driven and tossed by the wind. 7 For that person must not suppose that he will receive anything from the Lord; 8 he is a double-minded man, unstable in all his ways.

### **Questions:**

1. Trace the chain that James describes for trials in verses 2-4. What is end result? What does the result mean to you?
2. How do you think verse 6 effects the wisdom described in verse 5?

**Quote of the week:** We regard God as an airman regards his parachute; it's there for emergencies but he hopes he'll never have to use it. CS Lewis

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