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## ***LIFEgroup Discussion Questions***

### ***Table Talk: Joyfully Endure Trials***

***February 5, 2017***

#### **Intro:**

1. See how the week went and if there was any cool stories about how God used them this week.

#### **Study:**

2. Think about the breakfast, lunch and/or dinner table at your house. What happens there? Sometimes tears and trials are shared at the table. Where does James begin as he starts his letter?
3. Who is James? What do we learn about him in 1.1? Who is he writing to? What are they going through in way of trials?
4. What kind of attitude does James say we should have when we are faced with trials? What does the world say about trouble and adversity? Who is our model of having all joy in the face of trials and how did we see this in Him (Hebrews 12.2)? What types of trials does James have in mind? Who is in the middle of our trials? Read Psalm 46.1 and Psalm 16.11, how do we experience trials as believers with these verses in mind?
5. Why should we face trials with joy according to 1.3? What is endurance and what does it look like as far as a fixed direction and firm purpose? Think of an example as a group and discuss what endurance looks like in a trial.
6. What does endurance produce according to 1.4 (Romans 5.3-5)? What is Christian maturity? Look at Job 17.9 as you discuss how perseverance and holiness is linked?

Pray.