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LIFEgroup Discussion Questions

Table Talk: Our Good God in the Land of Temptations

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Intro:

1. See how the week went and if there was any challenges or trials this week? How did you face them?

Study:

2. What do we learn about God from today's text (James 1.17)? What did we learn about Jesus last week (He is what? from 1.5)? God being the Father of lights with no variation in who He is means what? In an age of trials and temptations who is God the Father to us?
3. According to 1.12, what is God's ultimate plan for us? Discuss and connect the link between those who persevere, those who have been approved and those who receive the crown of life. What is the crown of life (Romans 6.23b; John 10.10b)?
4. What do we learn about the poor and the rich (1.9-11)? What does both situations do to one's faith? How are each tested?
5. How is God related to and not related to temptations (Proverbs 20.24; 1.13)? Where do temptations come from (1.14)? What is the cycle of temptation or sin that get caught in if we give into the evil desires within us (1.15)? Our flesh doesn't just disobey, but also does something else when it comes to God that may not seem like outright sin – what is that which we do that might seem fine, but is not and ultimately robs God of being Lord of our life?
6. So, from the first chapter what is God's purpose in the tests of life and what is the enemies (John 10.10; 1.12, 15)?
7. So, what is the command for us in response to who God is and His purpose for us (1.16)? Remember together that God is good and gives us good things including help in temptations (1 Corinthians 1.12-13). We surely don't just drift into spiritual maturity, so what must we do so we do not drift into sin and eventually death (Hebrews 2.1; Romans 12.1-2; Colossians 3.10; Psalm 119.9, 11)?

Pray.