



## Discuss Together

Introduction: "James is concerned with helping us understand and persevere in the midst of our trials. The trials earlier in the chapter are probably related to persecution and mistreatment relative to the Gospel. The trials here are probably more general – the sorts of things that make you think, 'What is God thinking? Why does He do this or allow this to happen to me?'" (Rick Langer). Let's discuss how we can help one another persevere in faith in the trials of life.

Are there trials that teach or mature us? If so, what makes them more than misery?

What might James (the writer) say is the wrong way to approach a trial?

What perspective will help us 'stand the test' (1:12) so that we learn and grow from a trial?

What might be the rewards (1:12) to persevering with faith?



## Pray

- Pray for people you know in the middle of a trial.
- Pray for women "Gathering at the well" on Thursday including who you might invite.
- Share and pray for your "Take 10 Trinity" people.



## Apply It This Week

Invite a friend (woman) going through a trial to the "Gathering at the Well." Pray for your "Take 10 Trinity" friends.



# GOOD SUFFERING

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*<sup>12</sup> Blessed is the man who remains steadfast under trial, for when he has stood the test he will receive the crown of life, which God has promised to those who love him.*

*James 1:12*

### I. Introduction

### II. The experience of trials

#### A. Testing and trials

1. Tests that reveal and tests that create

2. Studying for the test:

#### B. Passing the test

1. Remaining in a trial

2. Steadfastness in a trial

### III. The reward of trials

A. Blessings now

B. Rewards later

# homeGROUPS NOTES

Week of January 29

James 1:12

Home Groups are a way to connect in relationships and do life and mission together. This week's tip: Keeping Home Group time a high priority fosters deeper relationships.



### Share It

When do you remember being with a group of people who faced challenges or trials together?

What are some of the good or bad trials that you have experienced?



### Study the Word (the Bible)

The subject of trials and persevering faith is throughout the Bible. Read and note the following verses.

Individual: 2 Corinthians 12:7-12

The church: 2 Thessalonians 1:3-4