

**Scripture** | James 1:1-18

**Ice Breaker** | 1. When you were a child, what did you think was the biggest challenge or trial an adult you would have to face?

**Going Deeper** |

1. Is there anything that stood out to you from Sunday's message, or do you have any questions?
2. What do we know about the author of James? Who is he?
3. Read James 1:1-18
4. Who is James writing this letter to and why do you think he is writing it?
5. What is joy?
6. What does it mean to persevere and why is perseverance something we should strive for?
7. In the message this week Rob shared that the word that is used for outward trials (πειρασμός *peirasmos*) is the same word that is used for inward temptation in Greek, but the English translators choose which one based on their understanding of the context. With that in mind, why should we consider trials/temptations with joy?
8. Are there any other passages of scripture that you know of that say something similar to what James is saying about trials and perseverance?
9. In James 1:5-8, James talks about asking for wisdom in faith. How does faith play a role in developing perseverance and resilience?
10. James warns about being double-minded in verses 6-8. How can having a clear sense of purpose and direction help us maintain resilience in the midst of challenges?
11. What can we do when we find it hard to handle the trials and temptations we face in life?
12. Where does James explain temptation comes from? How about where sin comes from? Why does this matter?
13. What does this passage teach us about ourselves?
14. What does this passage teach us about God?
15. How does James conclude this passage in verse 18, and what does it reveal about God's redemptive work in our lives? How can we respond to His grace and truth?