**Small Group Questions: Faith That Works: Finding Joy In Our Trials**

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**Read**

John 7:3-5,James 1:1-4, James 1:3, 1 Corinthians 15:3-7, Psalm 23

**Reflect**

Trials are something everyone will experience, they can be stressful, but James teaches us how we can change our perspective in the face of adversity. Why can we count our trials as pure joy?

Pastor Adam Martin talks about how trials are actually good for our lives.

1. Trials are inevitable.
   1. Why do you think James knew that trials would come?
   2. In Genesis 1, God made man rulers of creation. How do you think this correlates to the trials we face?
2. Trials have purpose.
   1. James saw something that changes his perspective on trials forever. What did he see?
   2. God is able to bring purpose to our trials and produce something good. What is something good that has come out of a trial in your life?
   3. If you recite the words of Psalm 23, and put them on your heart, what could your current trials look like?
3. Trials are a gift.
   1. While God is a really good teacher, we have to choose to learn in order to grow. How are you growing in your spiritual journey?
   2. What does God use to teach us to trust him more?
   3. How might you be treating your pain like a prison, rather than a school?

**Respond:** How can you find joy in your trials? How can your small group support you?