

Break the Ice (15 min)

* What is your favorite TV show and why?
* What do you do to cheer up when you’re feeling down?
* In your family, who does everyone lean on in hard times?

Week of September 24

As your group time closes, your group leader will give any updates or news that you might want to take note of. You will also pray as a group. Use this space to write down how you can pray for your group members throughout the coming week.

Pray Together (10 min)

* How have the trials you’ve experienced brought you closer to (or pushed you further away) from God?
* How does this passage conflict with our culture of instant gratification? How should our example of handling trials stand out as light in a dark world?
* We live in a world that is desperate need of hope. What hope does James say God has for us? How would you communicate this to people in difficult situations that you encounter?
* When do you find it hardest to pray?

Act On It (15 min)

Read James 1:2-18

* According to James, what should be a Christian’s attitude when facing trials? How often is this your attitude in your own hard times?
* Why is perseverance important? What reward comes with persevering in the faith?
* What does it mean to be a ‘double-minded” person? How can one avoid being double-minded?
* Why do we blame God for trials and temptations?
* Why do you think James ends this thought with “do not be deceived”? In what ways are we deceived/ in danger of being deceived regarding temptations? What are the dangers involved for us?

Learn Together (15min)

Check In (10 min)

* What is one thing you would like to get out of this six-week journey?
* Pray, thanking God for those present, and ask God to lead your discussion.