

Pressure Test

Small Group Discussion Questions

James 1:1-12

1. Trials can actually be counted as joy because of what they produce in us, not because of how they feel. What is a trial you have walked through where you can now see, looking back, what it produced in you?

2. Steadfastness is not just something to endure; it is something meant to finish a work in us. In what area of your life right now do you feel God growing your endurance? What would it look like to let that process finish?

3. In the middle of hard seasons, we are invited to ask for wisdom rather than just answers, believing God will give it generously. What keeps you from asking God for wisdom during hard seasons? What would it look like to ask in faith instead of doubt?

4. Status, success, and possessions are all temporary, no matter how permanent they feel in the moment. What is something you have leaned on for security that this passage reminds you will not last?

5. There is a real reward for the person who stays faithful through testing rather than walking away from it. What helps you stay faithful when you are in the middle of a trial and do not yet see the outcome?

6. There is a difference between asking God to get us out of a trial and asking what He wants us to get out of it. Which of those two questions do you tend to ask first when trials come? What would it take to shift toward the second?

Takeaway: How do I get out of this? Vs. What do you want me to get out of this?