

RESOLUTE

TENACIOUS FAITH IN TUMULTUOUS TIMES

Housekeeping

Leaders can share Hope happenings and any future Home Group plans.

Read the Text

Read James 1:1-8 together.

Prayer

Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that as the Scriptures are read and discussed, we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen.

Discussion

1/ James describes the church as “the twelve tribes in the Dispersion [literally “scattered”].” What is the significance of this designation? What do scattered people do well?

2/ In v. 2 James says “*when* you meet trials of various kinds” not “*if* you meet trials.” Why is it important to remember that “in the world you will have tribulation” (Jesus)?

3/ With the phrase “of various kinds,” James is not just talking about small or big trials, but *both* and everything in between. What are the trials you are facing right now, big or small?

4/ We are to count it all joy when we meet hardship. Does this mean we need to suppress the “difficulty of difficulties”? If not, what does it mean?

5/ What reason does James give us to “count it all joy”?

6/ In vv. 5-8 we are told simply to “ask God.” What are the reasons we can ask God for the wisdom we lack according to James?

7/ What does double-minded mean? Does it mean honest intellectual questions or emotional struggles? If not, what?

8/ Why is God telling you this today?

Time of Prayer