

James 1: 1-11

Consider it pure joy!



Think about and discuss one or two questions from each section.

The text – James 1:1-11

1. Read James 1:1-11. Who is the writer of this letter? Who is he writing to? Discuss what you know about the author and his recipients.
2. According to 1:2-4, why does James contend that God's people ought to rejoice when being tried, tested or tempted?
3. What is wisdom? How do we get it? Discuss 1:5-8
4. The church is a new community. It is made up of both poor and rich people. According to 1:9-11 how have things changed for poor people? How have things changed for rich people?

The Scriptures – James 1:1-11 as a portion of the Scriptures

5. There is a close relationship between James' letter and the OT wisdom book of Proverbs. Read and discuss the following proverbs about being tested: Proverbs 17:3 and Proverbs 27:21.
6. Read and discuss Romans 5:1-5 in which Paul discusses suffering, perseverance and hope.

Our lives – walking the way of Jesus in response to James 1:1-11 as a portion of the Scriptures

7. Discuss some trials that you are experiencing at the present time. What do you find challenging and difficult about them?
8. How can we pray and support you as you seek to grow in perseverance and steadfastness?