



**January 10**  
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**PRIMARY SCRIPTURE:**

James 1:1-15, Matt 5:3-12, Heb. 12:1-3

**DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:**

1. Read James 1:1-15 together. What jumps out at you? What pushes you around?
2. James was raised in a large family by a single mother. How might that have impacted his writings?
3. James did not believe in Jesus as Lord until after the Resurrection (John 7:3-5.) How might his 'late' conversion have impacted his writing?
4. The themes of this passage:
  - a) Trials are hard but helpful.
  - b) Wisdom is available to everyone who asks God for it.
  - c) Your financial situation is temporary. God's Kingdom is forever.
  - d) The time to flee temptation is always 'now' so it doesn't destroy you and you can do it.

Which of these themes would you like to explore?

5. Depending on how you answered #4, share any current trials. Are you in the habit of asking God for wisdom?