

James | Intro to James 2/18/2024

Reflect + Discuss

- Have you ever had someone who was hard on you, but it turned out to be for your good (maybe a friend, doctor, teacher, or boss)? Are you grateful for those lessons or challenges now?
- Does your faith influence your actions in daily life? In what ways?
- What's one thing from the book of James that resonated with you? What's one thing that challenged or surprised you? (If you want to you could re-read the book of James as a group and then answer.)
- Read James 1:2-4. Do these verses remind you of any experiences you've had? How do you think memorizing these verses might affect you now or in the future?
- The book of James is filled with challenging verses about what a life of faith should look like lived out. In what ways do you think your life would look different if you lived out these verses? How might our community look different if the church lived this out together?
- James advocates for action, growth, and transformation in our faith. What is one area of your life you feel God is calling you to transform or grow?

Pray

- Pray that in reading and reflecting on the book of James we might be transformed—individually and as a community. Pray that by memorizing a portion of the book the words will move from our heads and into our hearts. Pray that as we are challenged by James' words we would move our faith into action—for the sake of each other and the world.

Next Steps

- Check out the <u>resources page</u> for links to several Bible reading plans and other helpful tools. Explore other opportunities for growth and transformation by checking out <u>courses</u>.