

A FAITH THAT HITS HARD- WEEK 1

James 1:1-12

MESSAGE RECAP

This week, we launched our new series in the book of James. Jonathon shared how James speaks directly to followers of Jesus who are scattered, suffering, and wondering where God is in the midst of it all. James challenges us to see trials as opportunities to grow, not just survive. When life hits hard, our faith isn't destroyed – it's being refined and revealed. The hard stuff doesn't have to defeat us; it can define us. And through it, God offers wisdom, strength, and hope in Jesus.

GROUP DISCUSSION

1. After listening to the message, what stood out to you?
2. When was the last time you were caught off guard by something difficult in life? What helped you respond?
3. Read James 1:1-4.
 - a. Why do you think James starts his letter this way?
 - b. What's the difference between feeling joy and choosing joy in trials?
4. Read James 1:5-8.
 - a. What might it look like to ask God for wisdom in whatever challenge you're facing?
 - b. Where do you need God's wisdom most right now?
5. Read James 1:9-12.
 - a. What does this section teach us about our identity and where we place our security?
 - b. What promise does James give here, and how does it encourage you?
6. This week, how can you pre-decide to respond in faith when life hits hard?

PRAY