

LIFE GROUP SERMON SUMMARY QUESTIONS

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These questions are for the **May 17, 2015 Sermon**, "The Truth about Temptation." Please read the sermon passage (James 1:12-18) together out loud.

Sermon Outline:

1. **Every trial comes with a promise** (12)
 - A. Our trials are a test, teaching us that our faith in God is true and that God can be trusted.
 - B. Trials often isolate us, teaching us in trouble what we would have never learned in peace.
2. **Every trial comes with a temptation** (13-15)
 - A. When we doubt God's goodness because of trials, we will blame God when tempted.
 - B. When we justify our doubt, sin will take on an uncontrollable life of its own.
3. **Every trial comes to teach the Christian family that God is good and God is faithful** (16-18)
 - A. Trials can teach us to track and record the good gifts that God has given.
 - B. Learn to tell your story of God's faithfulness to the family of God.

Life Group Discussion Questions

1. Based on #1, above: God sends trials into your life to show you that your faith in God is genuine and to show you that you belong to him. Trials are a good gift. Are you learning this?
2. Based on #1, above: How has your trial taught you, personally, something about God and his grace that you would have never learned in peaceful days?
3. Based on #2, above: What sin has crept into your life during moments in your life when you were disappointed with God? (Like bitterness, unforgiveness, prayerless or murmuring.) How has God delivered you from this sin that might take on a life of its own?
4. Based on #3, above: Trials can help us stop taking God's grace for granted and start being truly thankful for gifts that come down from heaven for us. Let's spend some time thanking God for good gifts that have come down from our unchanging Father in heaven.
5. Based on #3, above: When we find God's grace in trials, we are called to share the news with the people who belong to the Christian family. Have you learned to tell about how God has convicted, forgiven and corrected sinful behavior in your life? Have you learned to tell about God's grace, discovered in trying times? How can we improve at this?