



REFINED FAITH

JAMES 1:1-12

SCRIPTURE STUDY

Before you begin: *Open with prayer and spend a minute or two in silence before God. Have multiple people ask the Holy Spirit to enter your time together and illuminate your hearts and minds to scripture.*

- Have someone read the passages in their entirety aloud. As a group, summarize the passage, and as you do so, note any observations, questions, and exciting insights you found while reading through the text. What jumped out at you? What was something you noticed now that you didn't see before?
- How does James begin his letter? If he is the brother of Christ, what is the significance of his description as a servant?
- James begins his epistle by encouraging believers to find joy amid their suffering. How does trial actually strengthen our faith and produce steadfastness?
- What is wisdom? What does James have to say about the reception of wisdom? What role does it play in the life of a believer?
- What does James have to say about the rich? How might this challenge us as believers?
- What is a current trial you are going through or have gone through? How did it strengthen your faith?