

Welcome to DOERS.

Title: Abundant Wisdom/Give Me Wisdom

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Encourage people to bring their sermon notes with them to group. Ask everyone how familiar or unfamiliar they are with the book of James. Place yourself on the spectrum between- *Never read it to It's my favorite!*

Read James 1:1-8

Discuss

How do you think most people would prefer this verse to end: "Consider it all joy when you encounter various _____?"

How exactly do trials work for us? What possible benefit can problems like loss, disappointment, and even pain bring?

Looking at James 2:15, 5:4-6 & 13-16, describe the kinds of problems these early Jewish believers were facing.

Do you think most first-century believers knew it would be hard to follow Jesus when they became Christ-followers? Why or why not? Do we?

Is James asking us to conjure up a feeling of "pure-joy" or an attitude to adopt, or something else?

Isn't it "risky" for God to allow hardships into our lives? Won't people walk away from him when life gets hard?

Defend the following point: God doesn't waste pain and suffering in our lives.

Most of us pray, 'Get me out of here', when tough times come. Looking at 1:5 what does James asks us to ask?

Does that mean we'll know why those problems came our way?

How would you define a "double-minded" person? Are they twice as smart as the rest of us?