

The book of James in fifteen sessions

Life Groups: Fall/Winter 2009-2010

Address and salutation (1.1)

- 9/30 Life Group 1:** Introduction to James, comments on James 1.1
- read through all of James together, out loud
 - identify and discuss the main themes of the letter

Trials and Christian maturity (1.2-18)

- 10/07 Life Group 2:** 1.2-4 count trials as joy, let steadfastness lead you to maturity
- 10/21 Life Group 3:** 1.5-8 ask confidently for wisdom
1.9-11 address to poor and rich
- 10/28 Life Group 4:** 1.12-18 remaining steadfast under trial, receiving perfect gifts from God

True Christianity seen in its works (1.19-2.26)

- 11/04 Life Group 5:** 1.19-27 be doers of the word
- 11/18 Life Group 6:** 2.1-7 do not show partiality, part 1
- 12/02 Life Group 7:** 2.8-13: do not show partiality, part 2
- 12/09 Life Group 8:** 2.14-26 the kind of faith that saves

Dissensions within the community (3.1-4.12)

- 01/06 Life Group 9:** 3.1-12 taming the tongue
- 01/13 Life Group 10:** 3.13-18 wisdom from above
- 01/20 Life Group 11:** 4.1-12 friendship with the world

Implications of a Christian world-view (4.13-5.11)

- 02/03 Life Group 12:** 4.13-17 don't be boastful
- 02/10 Life Group 13:** 5.1-6 a warning to the rich
- 02/17 Life Group 14:** 5.7-11 patiently waiting for the Lord's return

Concluding exhortations (5.12-20)

- 02/24 Life Group 15:** 5.12-20 the prayer of faith