

Living the Way: A study of the book of James

January 18, 2026 Discussion Guide

Scripture reading: James 1:13-18

**CHECK UP:**

\*Memory Work: Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance. – James 2:2-3  
\*Did you seek God for wisdom this past week?

**OPEN:**

- What was a highlight in your week this past week? What was a particular challenge you had?
- How did you mature individually, hold on to another believer, or go make an impact this past week?

**READ and DISCUSS: James 1:13-18**

- Begin by summarizing the main points of this passage.
  - o What stands out most to you about this passage? Why?
- What does this passage teach about the progression of sin?
- What desires tend to entice Christians?
  - o How do we combat these desires?
- What are moments that we might be tempted to think that God is not trustworthy with our lives?
  - o Why might someone be tempted to blame God for their temptation? How does that relate to how this passage challenges us to “not be deceived”?
- Why is it important to recognize that people are responsible for their sin?

**APPLY:**

- What do you believe God is trying to teach you this week through the trials and situations you are experiencing?
- How do you need to trust in God’s good character this week?
  - o NEXT STEP: Share with someone the temptations that you are being enticed by.

Memory Work:

each person is tempted when they are dragged away by their own evil desire and enticed.

– James 1:14

Next Week’s Reading:

James 1:19-27