

**Relate Group Questions**  
**August 12, 2018**

**Ice Breaker Question:** What is the hardest test you remember taking?

**Relate Group Value: Sensitivity** – Committing to sensitivity to the needs, feelings, backgrounds and current situations of other group members helps build relationships in the group.

**Sermon Title: An Opportunity to Grow**

Sermon Text: James 1:2-4

Other Relevant Scriptures: Genesis 50:20; John 16:33; 2 Corinthians 1:3-6, 8-10.

**Study Questions:**

1. According to James, what should be a Christian's attitude when facing trials? Why? (vv. 2-3)
2. Why is steadfastness and perseverance important when undergoing trials? What reward comes with persevering in the faith? (vv. 4, 12)
3. What are some positive results that may come from our personal experience of trials (see 2 Corinthians 1:8-10)?
4. Does your experience of trials ever lead you to question the goodness and love of God?
5. Some people leave the faith when disaster hits them and their family. What does that say about their personal faith in God? Why?
6. What are some examples of people who suffered in the Bible? How did they respond?
7. Have you ever experienced God's comfort during suffering and trials (2 Corinthians 1:3-5)? If so, how did that help you persevere in the faith?
8. Where have you found comfort in the Bible when you have faced trials (consider Genesis 50:20 and John 16:33)?
9. Are you currently facing any trials? How can our group pray for you?

**Weekly Check-up:**

How is your daily Bible reading going?

How has your prayer life been this past week?

Are you struggling in your obedience to God?

Have you shared Jesus with anyone this past week?  
Have you invited anyone to worship or small group?  
What do you need prayer and encouragement for today?