

**Relate Group Questions**  
**September 2, 2018**

**Ice Breaker Question:** What are you tempted by that is either fattening or expensive?

**Relate Group Value: Openness** – Being open and honest with each other, sharing feelings, struggles, joys and hurts, and opening the group to new members.

**Sermon Series: Does Your Faith Work?**

**Sermon Title: Trials and Temptations**

Sermon Text: James 1:12-15

Other Relevant Scriptures: Matthew 4:1-11; 6:13; Mark 14:38; 1 Corinthians 10:13; Ephesians 6:10-18; Hebrews 2:18; 4:14-16.

**Study Questions:**

1. How have you recently responded to trials in your life? How does God want us to respond to trials?
2. What is the reward for the believer “who remains steadfast under trial”? Does the promise of this reward encourage you to endure in the midst of trials?
3. Have you ever blamed God when you have experienced temptation?
4. In this passage what do we learn about the origin of temptation?
5. How do you deal with temptation in your daily life? How can God help you? How can your church family help you?
6. Consider Mark 14:38, Matthew 6:13, 1 Corinthians 10:13, and Ephesians 6:10-18. What do these Scriptures teach us and how can we apply them to remain faithful in the midst of temptation?
7. What trial or test are you currently facing? What is the temptation that comes with it? Are you looking forward to the “crown of life”? Why or why not?
8. Jesus himself was tempted (Matthew 4:1-11), but he never sinned. In what way are you encouraged by Hebrews 2:18 and Hebrews 4:14-16?

**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?