

## James 1:2-8

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## Sermon Study Guide

(Reminder: The purpose of the questions is to explore the text and themes of the sermon. **Do not feel a need to go through all of the questions.** The goal is to stimulate discussion/reflection and transformation related to the sermon text and themes.)

1. What does James mean by “Count it all joy” and how can we practice such an outlook?
2. In what ways have you noticed your faith being tested recently? How have you responded to those experiences? Why is it so important for us to persist in being steadfast when facing trials?
3. A non-christian friend declares that James’ view of the Christian life is too harsh and costly, how would you respond?
4. What is the relationship between wisdom and prayer in vv. 5-8 and trials in vv. 2-4?
5. What does this passage teach us about how God answers prayer?
6. What does it mean to be double-minded (divided in interest, v. 8, cf. 4:8)? How can we recognize and avoid being divided in our interests?