

# Small Group Discussion

Text: James 1:1-18

- 1) In vs 2-4 James tells the believers to welcome as friends the various trials in their life. How does belief in the goodness of God impact our ability to trust God's leading in our life?
- 2) Vs 4 - What is the value of contentment and why is God allowing us to endure trials to gain it?
- 3) Read vs 5-8
  - a) What does it mean to be double minded?
  - b) Gve examples of how being double minded makes our whole life unstable
- 4) Read vs 12 and discuss the following:
  - a) There are five crowns mentioned in Scripture.  
They are the
    - i) Everlasting Crown (1 Cor 9:25)
    - ii) the Crown for the One who Wins Souls  
(Php 4:1; 1Thess 2:19)
    - iii) the Crown of Righteousness (2 Tim 4:8)
    - iv) the Crown of Glory (1 Pet 5:4)
    - v) the Crown of Life (Jas 1:12, Rev 2:10)
- 5) Read vs 15 discuss the difference between how we typically view the consequences of sin and how God described the end results of sin. Do you believe this passge? If so, what steps are you taking to ensure that sin does not gain a stronghold in your life?
- 6) Read vs 17 and discuss how this Biblical truth should impact our tithing and overall generosity.