

LIFE GROUP STUDY - Dr. Harley Ihm

Faith that Completes the Race 1 - "Be Smart Enough to Trust God"

Icebreaker: What was your earliest memory of pain?

Learning can be a painful process. Fire can destroy a forest, yet fire can shape and mold glass and steel. Faith that completes the race trusts God to turn the fires of life from destructive elements into positive, helpful elements.

Encounter the Word

1. Read James 1:1-8. How should we respond when we experience trials in our life?
2. How do trials test our faith?
3. How do trials create a maturity in our faith?
4. What directions does James give for approaching trials in this Godly manner?

Encounter Life

1. What kind of trials do you face as a Christian that you find difficult to be joyful about?
2. Have you ever prayed for wisdom to learn and mature from your trials, yet you felt God was not going to answer you?
3. What could you do to trust God more completely to help you through your trials?
4. Share a trial you overcame that made you a more mature Christian.