

## **LIFE GROUP STUDY- Dr. Harley Ihm**

### **“The Devil Made Me Do It?” James 1:13-18**

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**Icebreaker:** People have a tendency to always blame others in order to cover up their failures or weaknesses. What are some examples of this you have seen?

Man has always looked for an easy way out of his problems, rather than deal with them decisively. Let's see what God tells James to pass on to us about this problem.

#### **An Encounter with the Word of God**

1. Read James 1:13-15. Do our temptations ever get planted into our lives by God to test us?
  
2. How does the process of temptation begin?
  
3. What are some examples in the world around us where people are blindly following their desires? What are some examples where Christian people are following their improper desires?
  
4. Notice that the desire conceives and gives birth to sin which grows up to create death. What do you think God means in the way He has described this process?
  
5. What steps can you take to be sure the temptations that come confront you don't over your life?
  
6. Read James 1:16-18. What does God send down to His creation?
  
7. God says that He gives His word of truth, the Bible, to make us a kind of first-fruits. The first fruit was the first of the ripe fruit, without disease and full of flavor. How does the Bible have the power to make those who take it seriously full of flavor?
  
8. On a scale of 1 (crummy with worm holes) to 10 (like a Vidalia onion or the perfect Georgia peach) how would you describe the fruit of your life?