

LIFE GROUP STUDY- Dr. Harley Ihm
“Where is God When it Hurts?” James 1:1-12

Icebreaker: Would you rather read a book or see a movie and why? Would you rather find someone's hair on your plate or see a bug in your food? Why?

Life is full of surprises. Some are great, some are not so great. When you get those not-so-great moments, how do you deal with them? Let's see what the Bible says.

An Encounter with the Word of God

1. Read James 1:1-4. Why does he say that we should be happy when we are facing crummy times in our life?

2. Explain a crummy time you made it through in your life?

3. How did that rough time mature you and prepare you for the next obstacle in your life?

4. Read James 1:5-8. It seems impossible to be happy when your life seems to be falling apart. How does James tell us we can make this happen?

5. To ask God for wisdom means simply to look for answers in the Bible and pray to God for Him to help you know how to approach this without giving up. What does God expect us to do with those answers we find?

6. Read James 1:12. How are your trials a test?

7. When we do persevere under the difficult times in our life, we are blessed. Describe a time when faced trials in your life and afterward could honestly say you felt blessed.

8. What do you think God is telling you through this study?