

STUDY GUIDE: “Temptation in Trials”

Discussion Starters

1. Have you ever blamed someone else for something that you actually did? (For instance: *You got mad at your roommates or family for not washing their dishes, but then realized those were your dishes, you just forgot about it.*)
2. Have you ever thought that God was testing you through a trial?

Read James 1:13-21

Questions

3. Why does James use the imagery of the life cycle to describe sin in verse 15? What does that tell you about the formation of sin in your own life? How can you avoid sin, based on this illustration?
4. Based on James 1:17-18, is God capable of evil? Does everything good come from God? Use scripture and context to defend your answers.
5. What are the three commands James gives Christians in verses 19 & 20? How does this look in your personal life? Be specific. How does this look in a trial? Give an example.

Taking It Home

6. Out of all the emotions that James could use as an example to illustrate sin, he uses anger. Why? What does this mean about anger and other sins for you personally?
7. How will receiving the word of God (v 21) save you when you are in a trial?