

James: Can You See It?

1:1-18



1. What insight, principle or observation from this week's message did you find to be most helpful, eye opening or troubling? Please explain.
2. What are things that are hard but really fulfilling? Tell of a time in your life when you went through something extremely difficult but see benefit from it now? How does the perspective of hindsight change your perception of that difficult time?
3. Read James 1:1-4. How does James ask us to change our perception regarding trials? How is this true and yet really difficult? Trials and difficulties can turn us against God or toward Him. How have you experienced this in your life? How would a change of perception change how you view trials?
4. Read James 1:5-8. Wisdom is being able to see with foresight what one would learn from hindsight. How do you need wisdom now? As a group discuss how God may view your situation.
5. Read James 1:9-11. How do you view riches and poverty? How does James push us to gain new perspective on wealth from God's perspective?
6. Read James 1:12-15. What are you tempted to blame on God? Is it hard to admit that temptation comes from within and leads to death? Nobody can bring out of you something that isn't already in you. How do you find this principle true in your life?
7. Read James 1:16-18. What makes you question God's goodness? What would change in you if you really saw God as good and all good things coming from Him?
8. Pull up a 3D stereogram on a phone or TV as a group. Who can see it? James really challenges us to see and perceive life and all things through God's eyes - to see the beauty behind what is right in front of us. In what ways do you need a change in perception, which leads to a change in living?
9. Pray together for wisdom and to see as God sees.