

## Victory in Trials 2

### January 30, 2022 Discussion Notes

Everyone is encouraged to bring a Bible

(Phone apps are good for reading together in the same translation. Study Bibles give help with interpretation.)



#### Questions:

1. Icebreaker question: Have you ever spent time fasting and praying? How difficult was it? Are you aware of anything good that happened as a result?
2. The sermon was a continuation of the previous week's message about how to experience victory when experiencing trials. It looked at how Jesus triumphed during his trial in the wilderness as he was being tempted by the devil. What do you remember about each of the main points? What stood out to you or impacted you?
3. Which of the main points do you think is hardest for you? Why?
4. Read James 1:2-4
  - a) What do you think about the command to have "pure joy" when you experience trials? Do you find this command to be unreasonable? Why or why not?
  - b) What reason is given for viewing trials in such a positive light?
  - c) How have you matured by experiencing trials?
5. Read James 1:13-17
  - a) What does James say about the source of temptation?
  - b) What are the consequences of giving in to temptation?
  - c) How does it help with temptation to know that every "good and perfect gift" comes from God?
  - d) What are some of God's good and perfect gifts?
6. Read James 1:21-25
  - a) Why is it important to put away sinfulness to receive God's word?
  - b) Why is it important to be meek to receive God's word?
  - c) Why is it important to be a doer and not just a hearer of God's word?
  - d) What can "doers" of the word expect?
7. Read James 5:13-20
  - a) What types of struggles are described in this passage?
  - b) What can we do to help ourselves and others when going through these types of trials?
8. Spend some time praying for each other. Pray for encouragement and hope in whatever struggles people are dealing with.