

# LIFE GROUPS

## SERMON NOTES



### Passing Life's Tests

*James 1:1-12 January 7, 2024*

**START TALKING** | asking questions to get you thinking.

1. Think of a past trial and explain how you persevered through it and how you were changed by it.
2. If you had to go through the same trial again, what would you do differently?

**START SHARING** | asking questions that engage with the message.

3. Pastor Steve said, "Trials are the reality of the Christian life." Read James 1:2, 1 Peter 4:12, Job 5:7, and Ecclesiastes 9:12. What do these verses teach us about trials in the Christian life?
4. Read James 1:3-4, 1 Peter 1:6-7 and 1 Corinthians 1:8-9. What are the purposes that God has ordained for our trials? (Pastor Steve gave us three.)
5. Pastor Steve said, "Our trials call for three faith responses." In each of the passages below, describe how we should respond in faith to the trials we may encounter:
  - a) James 1:2
  - b) James 1:5-8
  - c) James 1:9-11
6. Read James 1:12 and Hebrews 2:10. What has God promised to those who love Him and remain steadfast under trial, and how has this promise been provided?

**START LIVING** | asking questions that apply God's Word to daily life.

7. In what ways has this sermon given you hope and encouragement to persevere through the trials you may be going through now or will go through in the future?
8. How can your Life Group help each other persevere through trials and ultimately count it as all joy?