



**Life Group Discussion Guide
Faith in Practice**

How does faith work when we are tempted? – James 1:13-18

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Main thought:

Trials are tests that reveal and refine our faith. If we don't respond well in trials, they can turn into temptations, temptations can turn into sin, and sin leads to death. The good news is by faith in God's goodness, His gift of salvation, and the guidance offered in His Word, we can experience new life and victory over temptation.

Notes:

Understanding Temptation

1. **Everyone** faces temptation (v.13)
2. God is not the **source** of temptation (vv.13-14)
3. Temptation is a downward spiral toward **death** (v.15)

Addressing Temptation

1. **Stop** the lies (v.16)
2. **Set** your confidence in the goodness of God (v.17)
3. **Step** forward in the new life He's given (v.18)

Ice-Breaker

- Share one fact about yourself that might surprise us.

Verse of the week

- What is a verse or truth from God's Word that has stood out to you this week from your own personal Bible reading?

Digging In

Read or recap James 1:13-18, and discuss the following questions.

- What stood out to you from this passage or message?
- What does this passage teach us about temptation? Why is it helpful and important to understand temptation? (vv.13-15)
- Trials can turn into temptations. Agree or Disagree? Why or why not?



- Discuss what this passage teaches about how we should address temptation. (vv. 16-18)
- How is setting our confidence in God's goodness helpful for us when tempted? How is it detrimental to us when we don't put our confidence in God's goodness? (v.17)

Application

- What key encouragement or take-away will you apply from the passage this week?

Praying as a group

- How can we be praying for each other this week?