



NOTES



Suggested Questions for Individual Study or Group Discussion*

- Playwright Oscar Wilde said, “I can resist anything but temptation.” What makes temptation so hard to resist?
- What instructions does James give to the rich and the poor (Ja. 1:9-11)? How are they to view themselves? How is this different than normal? What will be the impact if they follow James’ command?
- How does the pursuit of possessions or making money direct your daily life? In what ways do you put your trust in your earning power more than God’s power? How does your relative poverty or wealth affect your relationship with God?
- What is the reward for the person who perseveres under trial or endures temptation (v. 12)? What must they do to receive it?
- According to James, where does temptation come from? How does it develop, or through what stages does it go? Where does it ultimately lead?
- What helps you recognize the lures and enticements of temptation in your own life? What has helped you resist temptation?
- James warns against deception (v. 16). How might Christians be deceived about the origins of temptation? How can we be deceived about the character of God?
- How does James describe God in vs. 17-18? What would life be like if God were not like this? What does the “word of truth” do for us?
- What is a trial or temptation you are facing today? What is the underlying desire? What good gifts is God giving you to persevere?
- How can your small group or others pray for you this week?

***Select or adapt questions to fit the needs and makeup of your group.**