

## The River Church

### 50/50 Bible Study Challenge – Week 18

#### James Chapter 1

**Memory Verse:** James 1:5 (NASB95) But if any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all generously and without reproach, and it will be given to him.

#### Talking Points:

In verse 1 James refers to himself as a servant or slave of God. Was he just being humble? Who was James actually?

#### Verse 2-4

What does it mean to face various trials? Why should we be joyful or happy in the midst of being tested?

What is endurance? Is it something we can produce ourselves? How do we get it?

#### Verses 5-8

Why would James transition so suddenly from the testing of our faith, to praying for wisdom? Is there a connection between the two?

If we ask God for something, how important is it for us to believe He will follow through? Are we only supposed to believe God will answer our prayer when we ask for wisdom?

#### Verses 9-12

James says to glory in our high position and in humiliation. Is there ever a time we should stop rejoicing in what God has blessed us with?

In this section there is a lot of comparison between rich and poor and being honoured and humbled. Is there a connection between humility and having our faith tested?

What is the promise we get to look forward to in **verse 12**?

### **Verses 13-18**

Does temptation come from God? Where does it come from?

What is the difference between temptation and sin?

In **Verse 14** we see that we are the author of our own temptation while **verse 18** shows us how highly God thinks of us. Do you find comfort in these two contrasting statements?

### **Verses 19-27**

What are the 3 instructions in **verse 19**?

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

What is the difference between a hearer and a doer? Which one are you?

**Verse 25** says there is a blessing for being a doer/ What does that blessing look like?

**Verse 26** warns the “religious” while **verse 27** shows us what “Pure and undefiled religion” is supposed to look like. What 3 things can we take from these verses?