

Questions

1. What are the most common ways you believe the lie that it's God's (or somebody else's) fault when you sin?
2. Which truth in verse 17 helps you the most when you are tempted to believe that God is not good?
3. In what way(s) have you been tempted to doubt God's goodness? What have been the biggest "Why God/How long" moments in your life? How did you respond to those and how did God help you?
4. **Street-level Faith Tools:** What passage(s) have you found to be your refuge in time of trouble?
5. **Street-level Faith Tools:** What keeps you from praying when you're suffering?
6. **Street-level Faith Tools:** What song(s) have encouraged you during times of suffering?
7. **Street-level Faith Tools:** How have you been encouraged by others who have suffered similarly to you and/or how have you been encouraged when you've discovered you can minister to others?

*After each service, if you need prayer,
someone will be available up front to pray with or for you.*

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The Testing of Your Faith

James 1:12-18

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James tells us about two lies that can cause us to fail spiritual tests, because he wants us to pass the test and receive the crown of life that God has promised to those who love him.

Verse 12 is the goal: receive the crown of life that God has promised to those who love him

Lie #1: It's God's fault I'm sinning! (1:13-15)

Lie #2: God is not Good (1:16-17)

4 Truths from Verse 17

1. God is _____ of good and perfect gifts

2. God is _____ of all things

3. God does not _____

4. God is our _____

4 Street-level tools for persevering under trial

1. Memorize a verse to hold onto

2. Pray earnestly, honestly, and faithfully

3. Listen to and sing songs that bind your heart to Him

4. Be Jesus' hands and feet to other sufferers

How can God call Himself good and the giver of good gifts when bad things happen to us? (1:18)

1. God is a loving Father who knows what's best for us.
2. God is a Redeemer who works everything for good for those who believe