



LIVE IT!
GROUP GUIDE

WEEK 03

Faith Under Pressure Enduring Through Trials

Live It Guides are not just a “study” we do to fill our heads with information about God. Possessing information doesn’t make us disciples. It’s what we do with it that counts! This looks like **listening, believing and living**. The purpose of this guide is to: (1) foster learning & listening with one another around God’s Word, (2) allow God’s Word to shape what we are believing and (3) encourage one another to live it out in the context of our daily lives. If you find your group not asking “believing” and “living” questions, please adjust your time to allow for this vital part of discipleship.

Listening to God’s Word...

Read James 1:12-18 three times together as a group.

Look carefully at verse 12. What does it tell us about loving God?

Look carefully at verses 13-15. What do they tell us about who’s to blame when we’re tempted? What do they tell us about the power of our own desires?

Look carefully at verses 16-18. What do they tell us about how trials and temptation can distort the truth of the nature of God?

Believing What It Says...

As we hear God speak through His Word, we must take what we are learning and consider how we see ourselves actually living our lives. Many times, we may say we believe something but in fact find that a different belief is influencing our actions. This provides an opportunity to repent and believe the Gospel.

How has verse 12 shaped or made you rethink what it means to love God?

Do you believe that the primary source of temptation comes from your own desires?

Why is it challenging to believe that God is good when trials come? Why is it difficult to believe that he has not changed when they come?

Living it out...

Let’s put what we are hearing from God’s Word into practice...this week! We long to be a people who live an active faith, not only hearing from God, but also responding in obedience to Him!

Trials and temptations are normal experiences for disciples of Jesus. Share some practical ideas for what you will do to keep your eyes on the prize (“the crown of life”) when you experience them.

What will it take for you to look at yourself and your own desires first when you are tempted?

What will it look like for you to keep declaring that God is good in the midst of a trial when your faith is under pressure?

Notes...

Record what you hear God saying through His Word and some tangible ways you are desiring to live it out in the next week...