

## **The Plain Truth about Trials**

**James 1:12**

### **Getting Started**

1. What insight, principle, or observation from Sunday's message did you find to be the most helpful, eye-opening, or troubling? Explain.
2. What is the hardest test you remember taking?
3. What do you do to cheer yourself up when you are down?
4. In your family, who does everyone lean on in hard times?

### **Digging Deeper**

#### **Read James 1:2-12**

5. According to James, what should a Christian's attitude be when facing trials? How often is this attitude in your own hard times?
6. Why is perseverance important? What reward comes with persevering in the faith?
7. What does it mean to be a "double-minded" person? How can one avoid being double-minded?
8. What is a trial you have faced in your life? What helped you through it?
9. What reward will a person receive who "perseveres under trial" (verse 12) and loves God?

### **Living it Out**

10. What trial or test are you currently facing?
11. Why do you think God might be letting you go through this trial right now?

### **Changing your mind**

"Blessed is the man who remains steadfast under trial, for when he has stood the test he will receive the crown of life, which God has promised to those who love him." - James 1:12