***TRIALS & TEMPTATIONS***

***Opener***

* *Briefly share if your tendency is to ask for help or avoid people when you are going through a hard time.*

***Understanding God’s Word*** (James 1:1-18)

* *Why might vs. 2 tell us to face trials with joy?*
* *What is the connection between testing and perseverance?*
* *Why might it be important to ask God for wisdom during a time of trial? And how do we access where that wisdom comes from?*
* *According to vs 13-15, what is the source of temptation, and how might that perspective help us?*

***Making Application***

* *In what way(s) might someone grow through a time of trial?*
* *What specific thing do you need wisdom for (keeping in mind the difference between knowledge and wisdom)?*
* *What is the difference between a test and temptation? And are you being tested or tempted?*
* *What might help someone avoid giving into temptation (and what doesn’t help)?*

***Pray & Next Step*** (each member choose one)

* *This week ask God for wisdom every day to help you through your trails.* Then list the possible growth that can happen through this time of trial and thank God for what good can happen.
* *If you are struggling with temptation, commit this week to reach out to someone who can support you.* Ask your group for what you need, in addition to prayer, to help you overcome that.