



hearing from James,  
the Son of Joseph,  
the Brother of Jesus.

## Introduction – What’s an Ossuary?

### Would The Writer of James Please Stand Up...

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| 1. The Father of Judas                 | Luke 6:16  |
| 2. The Son of Alphaeus                 | Mark 3:18  |
| 3. The Son of Zebedee, brother of John | Acts 12:2  |
| 4. The Brother of Jesus                | Acts 15:13 |

## Digging Into James 1:2-4

### The Progression of Trials

1. Trials are equated with \_\_\_\_\_.
2. Which produces \_\_\_\_\_.
3. Which makes us \_\_\_\_\_.

### Consider it Pure Joy

The Greek word “hegeomai”: to lead or command

Joy is a \_\_\_\_\_.

## TAKE OUT: How Should We Respond to Trials?

1. Ask God for \_\_\_\_\_ James 1:5
2. Understand the \_\_\_\_\_ Rom 8:18
3. Place yourself in \_\_\_\_\_ 1 Cor 12:26
4. Serve others out of your \_\_\_\_\_ 1 Peter 4:10
5. It’s OK to \_\_\_\_\_ Mat 5:4

## Revelation 21:1-5

### We Have Hope!

*Things won’t always be this way!*

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## HOME CHURCH QUESTIONS...

### WARMING UP...

1. After briefly reviewing this week’s message, share one thing that most challenged, encouraged or perplexed you.

### LOOK TO THE BOOK...

2. Read through James 1:1-18 together.
3. Discuss James teaching in verse 2 on “Considering it pure joy”. Has anyone in the group encountered an individual who modeled this principal in the face of suffering? Describe their attitude and actions.
4. Focusing on verses 9-11, and in the context of the passage, what does it mean for someone in humble circumstances to take pride in their high position? What does it mean for a rich person to take pride in their low position?
5. How can the promise mentioned in verse 12 influence our attitude when we are dealing with trials?
6. Focusing on verses 13-15, discuss the difference between trials that produce maturity vs. the suffering that comes after making sinful choices.

### SO WHAT?

7. Discuss some proactive steps that we can make as Christ followers when dealing with temptation. What role can Home Church serve in this process?
8. Discuss ways that your Home Church can be a practical support for those people who are experiencing trials or suffering.
9. Pray for each other, especially those who are currently going through difficult times.

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