#1 – Count IT All Joy

James 1:1-4

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Trials are \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

Count \_\_\_\_ all joy.

**Window #1**

**TRIALS**

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 **Window #2**

**Growth Group Preparation Questions**

For the week of October 14, 2018

Prepare for your Growth Group discussion by taking some time to go through the following Growth Group Questions (G2Qs) and be ready to share your thoughts and answers with your group. Have a great time Growing in the Word and Growing in Relationships.

GETTING TO KNOW YOU

1. What kind of mischief did you and your siblings get into?
2. Who is the most famous person you have ever met?
3. What is the hardest test you remember taking?

DIGGING DEEPER

1. Looking back at your sermon notes, was there anything that particularly caught your attention, was new, challenging or confusing to you?
2. When was a time that you tried to endure a trial viewing it through “Window #1?” What did that produce in you?

1. Look back at the 4 characteristics of God in Window #2 and answer the following questions:

Which one is most difficult for you to embrace? Why?

Give an example of how you experienced one of these in your life.

How can what you know about God from past trials help you endure through your next trial?

1. Read Romans 5:3-5 and 1 Peter 1:6-7. What can we conclude from all these passages?
2. How can the way we choose to endure a trial (good or bad) be an example of faith to others?

Taking it Home

* Read all of James this week.
* Choose a trial you're currently experiencing and talk with your spouse or a trusted friend about it. Don’t shy away from expressing the pain or frustration you're feeling. Ask them to help you step back from the circumstance and, together, look for ways God might be using this experience to grow you in maturity.

Growth Group Prayer Requests: