

WEEK 2 DISCUSSION GUIDE

Introduction:

Who hasn't experienced doubt or lacked faith at some point in their life? This series is not about being perfect or never experiencing a negative emotion. The question we are asking is: "How can we have a faith that is based less on the circumstances around us and more on the person of Jesus?" There is no such thing as an unshakable faith, but often, the circumstances that shake us are actually meant to make us stronger.

Scripture:

James 1:2-4 - "Dear brothers and sisters, when troubles of any kind come your way, consider it an opportunity for great joy. For you know that when your faith is tested, your endurance has a chance to grow. So let it grow, for when your endurance is fully developed, you will be perfect and complete, needing nothing."

For More, Read & Discuss James 1:2-18

Discussion Questions:

- 1. When did you become a follower of Jesus?
- 2. After making a decision to follow Jesus, what aspects of your life immediately changed?
 - What stayed the same?
- 3. When you face trials, how do you keep your faith? How do you remember that God not only cares about your trials, but is with you through them?
- 4. Share an example of when God has been with you through a trial. How did that experience change the way you faced your next trial?
- 5. Do you think it is possible to find joy in your trials?
 - What kind of attitude does that require?
- 6. When have you experienced something positive grow out of one of your trials?

Take the Next Step:

How can you exercise your "spiritual muscles" more regularly, so that you are ready when the trials come?