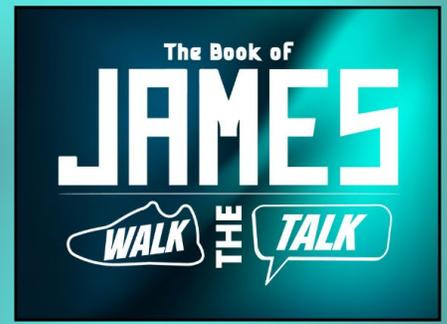


LARGE GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS



LEADER REMINDER: Every week be sure to check out "This Week" on the Leader Tab of the RUSH App for info related to what small group leaders NEED TO KNOW "this week". Suggestion, set a weekly reminder on your phone so you don't forget!

9.18.24 & 9.25.24

KEY TEXT: James 1:1-11
"Walk The Talk"

Lesson Summary:

Tonight's lesson will lay the groundwork for our study of the Book of James.

- A key point to keep in mind as we study the Book of James and have discussion with students is that this book was written specifically to born again followers of Jesus Christ.
- Without Jesus's help and the power of the Holy Spirit living, working & transforming believer's lives, the Book of James can sound like nothing more than a lengthy to-do list of ways we need to try harder to measure up.
 - But that's the whole point; we need Jesus because we will NEVER measure up to God's perfection.
- It is only through a saving relationship with Jesus that we can grow and live the way that James challenges us to live.

Main Points:

Three ways to learn to WALK THE TALK:

1. **CHOOSE** a **POSITIVE** view on trials
2. **DEPEND** on God's **WISDOM**
3. **FOCUS** on **ETERNITY**

Discussion Questions:

1. The Book of James is written specifically to believers (people who made the decision to put their trust in Jesus to save them from their sins and lead their life).
 - a. Have you made this decision yet?
 - i. If yes, briefly share your testimony with the group.
 - ii. If no, what keeps you from making this decision?
2. What kind of trial(s) or challenges are you facing right now?
 - a. Are you letting God use these trials & challenges in your life to draw you nearer to Him -OR- do these trials & challenges push you away from God? Explain.
 - b. Have you ever prayed "God, use this trial/challenge to draw me near to you"?
3. Share one example of a time in your life when you were torn between what you WANTED to do and what GOD said you should do?
 - a. What did you end up choosing?
 - b. If you could do it over again, would you make the same decision?
4. What area of your life consumes most of your focus (EX: grades, sports, dance, video games)?
 - a. What area do you need to REFOCUS your attention on eternity (things that last)?
 - i. What is one step you can take to help you REFOCUS your attention on eternity, in this area?
5. Which of Pastor Charles' main points do you struggle with the most in your life (keeping a positive view during trials, depending on God's wisdom rather than your own or focusing on eternity)?
 - a. Why do you think you struggle with that area more than the others?
 - b. What is one thing you can do to grow in this area?