



Group Discussion and Application

1. Finish the sentence: *If I did not have trials in my life I would/wouldn't...*
2. In addition to those mentioned in today's sermon, what are some other purposes and values/benefits of tribulations in the Christian's life?
3. How has God used trials in your life?
4. How have trials changed your perspective in life?
How have you seen trials change the perspective of others?
5. Why is it important that our faith be tested?
6. Why do you think some churches downplay the importance of repentance and obedience as necessary in the Christian's life? What is the result?
7. What are some common misunderstandings about trials in the Christian's life?
8. Give some examples from Scripture of those who handled trials properly.
9. What verses might you use to encourage another Christian who is undergoing tribulation in life?



Personal Reflection and Response

1. What hardship are you presently facing in your life?
2. What is your attitude toward this?
3. What purpose or value might God have for this in your life?
4. Who do know who is presently experiencing hard times in life?
How might you be an encouragement to them?



Family Homework

1. Define "grumbling".
2. What difficulties and disappointments have you had in your life recently?
3. How do you usually respond to difficulties and disappointments?
4. How should you respond?
5. Memorize James 1:2-4.



Good Things about Bad Times

Exodus 15:22-27

What are some purposes & values of trials in the lives of God's people?

1 Trials _____.

2 Trials _____.

3 Trials _____.

4 Trials _____.