**“NO DOUBTING!”**

**James 1:1-8**

***Sermon Review***

*What was the Main Idea of the Sermon from Sunday?*

*What was the most impactful part of the Sermon for you?*

***SMALL GROUP LESSON***

1. How would you respond to someone who tells you that good can come from the trials which you are experiencing?

1. What doubts about God and prayer does the average person usually experience?

**James 1:1–8 (NLT)**

1This letter is from James, a slave of God and of the Lord Jesus Christ. I am writing to the “twelve tribes”—Jewish believers scattered abroad. Greetings!

2Dear brothers and sisters, when troubles of any kind come your way, consider it an opportunity for great joy.

3For you know that when your faith is tested, your endurance has a chance to grow.

4So let it grow, for when your endurance is fully developed, you will be perfect and complete, needing nothing.

5If you need wisdom, ask our generous God, and he will give it to you. He will not rebuke you for asking.

6But when you ask him, be sure that your faith is in God alone. Do not waver, for a person with divided loyalty is as unsettled as a wave of the sea that is blown and tossed by the wind.

7Such people should not expect to receive anything from the Lord.

8Their loyalty is divided between God and the world, and they are unstable in everything they do.

***EXPLORE***

1. What attitude did James tell people to exhibit when they are facing trials? ([1:2](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Jas+1%3A2))

1. What is produced when our faith is tested? ([1:3-4](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Jas+1%3A3-4))
2. What is God’s response when we ask for wisdom? ([1:5](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Jas+1%3A5))
3. What effect does doubt have on a person when he or she prays? ([1:6-8](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Jas+1%3A6-8))

***APPLY***

1. How can trials affect your ability to have “faith without doubt”?
2. With what doubts have you struggled concerning God and prayer?
3. How can doubting affect a person’s prayer life?
4. How would you explain to a ten-year-old what “faith” looks like?
5. In what specific areas do you need to ask God for His wisdom this week? How can you be sure to ask in “faith” without doubting?

**Scenario:** **Your best friend comes to you seeking guidance. He/She is struggling with a decision to change jobs/schools which would include relocating. They have prayed to God asking for wisdom in this decision but do not feel as though God has given them an answer. What counsel /advice would you give them regarding their situation?**