

## Small Group/Sermon Notes for James Part 2: God's Power in James.

Remember, small groups are primarily for growing closer relationships with other believers. We can learn wonderful things in this environment but keep relationships first.

- Make sure everyone knows each other's names. Have everyone share a little about themselves and how life is going right now.
- **James Part 2: God's Power Revealed in James**
  - This week let's look at the Miracles of James: The miraculous impartation of wisdom, Divine provision, The miraculous impartation of grace, The power to defeat the Devil, Divine healing.
- Let's begin with **James 1:16-18**.
  - Do not be deceived. Where do your blessings come from?
    - Then where should you look? What (who) should you trust in?
    - Discuss the extremes: do nothing vs God helps those who help themselves.
- 1) Miraculous impartation of wisdom. **James 1:5-8**
  - Wisdom for what? I think this applies broadly: school, business, family, the things of God, etc.
  - What is our part? Two fold: ask and have faith to receive wisdom. How do you do that?
    - Faith comes by hearing. **Romans 10:17**
    - Tell a faith building testimony from your life.
- 2-4) Provision, grace, and power to defeat the Devil are all in **James 4:1-10**.
  - Provision for what? Not your pleasures! (v3) Provision to live your life in such a way as to do your calling and serve the Lord.
    - What is our part? Ask. (again!) And ask with right motives. **Matthew 6:33**
  - God's grace. What is grace? Favor, kindness, basically God is on your side and will help you.
    - Unless you are proud! (v6) Then God will oppose you. What would that be like?
      - If you think you can do it on your own, that's pride.
    - What is our part? Be humble and submit to God.
  - Part of God's grace is power to defeat the Devil. (v7)
    - What does "flee" mean? It means to run away. To escape from. Do you believe that?
    - What is our part?
      - Submit to God. Come near to God. Believe every good and perfect gift comes from God.
      - Resist the Devil. (Shut up and get out!)
      - How many Christians get that backwards?
- 5) Divine Healing. **James 5:13-18**
  - This is talking about a sick person being physically healed by God.
  - What is our part?
    - Call the elders together and anoint with oil. (v14) We do that.
    - Have faith. Similar process to gaining wisdom. (v15)
      - An additional promise for forgiveness is tacked on.
    - Confess your sins to each other. Forgiveness and healing seem interwoven somehow. (spirit, mind, and body affect each other)
      - Righteousness brings effective prayer. (v16)
        - This is another aspect of God's grace.
  - Bonus faith builder: Elijah was just a man. (v17-18)
- Pray for each other before you finish up!