

Community Group Discussion Guide

Sunday, June 15, 2025

Scripture: James 1:1



THIS WEEK'S FOCUS

The relationship that Christians have with God in Christ Jesus is essential to forming a firm identity and the foundation for living wisely.

QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION *(Use along with Reading: Ante Faciem Dei)*

1. Who is James, who wrote this letter (verse 1a; Acts 1:13)? How does he identify himself?
2. What happened in James's life to change his view of his half-brother Jesus (1 Corinthians 15:7)? Has this identity change occurred in your life?
3. What does it mean to be a servant or slave of Jesus Christ? Why does he and other biblical writers find it praiseworthy to be a slave?
4. Is there an earthly relationship vying for the supreme relationship spot in your life? How can we battle the temptations to replace our relationship with Christ with an earthly one?
5. This letter is addressed to the "twelve tribes in the dispersion." Is it also for us today? Why did James use the Old Testament language to describe them (Acts 11)?
6. What does it mean for us to live as exiles? Do you treat this world as home?
7. Why is wisdom necessary for living on this side of eternity? Discuss how wisdom begins with a clear understanding of our identity.

GOSPEL OBSERVATIONS

- The supremacy of the risen Jesus Christ is the relationship we need for transforming our identity.
- Serving Jesus in all our lives is the greatest, most joyful, and fundamental truth in a Christian's life.
- To be part of God's people is to be part of the greatest story: Redemptive History.
- To be part of God's people today is to learn how to live as exiles.