

CCEM – SPRING WOMEN’S STUDY

“FAITH IN ACTION” – BOOK OF JAMES

JAMES CHAPTER 1 – STUDY QUESTIONS

(Questions from Joyful Life – C.C. Costa Mesa, Kay Smith)

READ James Chapter 1

1. What does Matthew 13:55 reveal about the author, James?

2. James could have opened his letter by writing, “James the brother of Jesus.” Instead, according to James 1:1a, how does James describe himself?

3. The word servant in the Greek is “doulos,” meaning a slave or a bondservant. How would you describe a bondservant?

4. In light of James’ earlier unbelief in Jesus, what does this description tell you about the change that took place in James’ life?

5. (Personal Question) Consider the word “servant” in relationship to your life. Write your thoughts here.

6. What is your natural reaction to trials?

7. From James 1:3 what do we know about these various trials (temptations).

8. How does knowing God has a purpose in all our trials or tests, encourage you to count it all joy?

9. How will praying (asking) for wisdom, give you God's perspective on trials so you can count it all joy?

10. When we ask God for wisdom we must believe and not doubt. (James 1:6a). Define faith as used in James 1:6a.

11. What might cause a Christian to doubt that God would supply the wisdom asked for?

12. What advice would you give a believer who was wavering in faith?

13. Read James 1:15...Record the sequences and final consequence of yielding to lust from James 1:15.

- a. _____
- b. _____
- c. _____

14. What are some of the benefits of being a good listener in all aspects of life?

15. What do you think keeping oneself unspotted (unstained, polluted, defiled) from the world means? Define the word "world" as James refers to it here from 1 John 2:16; 5:19.
