**James: Remaining Steadfast Under Trial**

James 1:1-4

1) Who is James? How does he describe himself?

2) Why might the translation “slave” be preferrable over “servant” in verse 1?

3) Who is he writing to? Who do you think they are?

4) Read James. Write out a verse that you believe is the key verse for the book.

5) In one sentence, state the purpose of this letter for the church.

6) What various kinds of trials do you think the church was facing?

7) What does the phrase “Count (consider) it all joy” mean?

8) How does Hebrews 12:1-2 help us with answering #6?

9) What does verse 3 tell us about the recipients of the letter?

10) Why does our faith need tested? (Matthew 13:18-23; Hebrews 10:38; 1 Peter 1:6-7)

11) What is steadfastness (perseverance, endurance)?

12) Write out Hebrews 10:36. What does it mean?

13) According to James, why is steadfastness so important?

14) [personal] How does my view of suffering need to change?

15) [personal] What specific goal do I have for studying James?