**SCC SMALL GROUPS**

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**Troubled about Troubles?**

**James 1:1-16**

**Getting Started:**

1. Is it harder to go through tough times for yourself, or watch someone you love go

 through it?

 2. What is your favorite garage sale purchase?

**Searching the Scriptures:**

1. How is it possible to rejoice in difficult circumstances (v. 2)?

 \* Does perseverance imply active overcoming or passive acceptance?

 \* Does wisdom imply exceptional knowledge or moral insight?

 2. What is the big challenge here to Christians facing doubt?

 \* Is doubt to be expressed or suppressed or what?

 3. Which do you often forget, that troubles are inevitable, predictably unpredictable or

 that they can bring about a good outcome? Any reason?

 4. In your opinion, what would a brother in humble circumstances (v.9) have to take

 pride in?

 \* What is "low" about a rich man's position?

 5. What is the practical difference between trials and temptations?

 \* How is the birth process an apt metaphor to distinguish the source, the stage,

 the steps and the end result of temptation (vs.13-15)?

 \* How does one go about resisting temptation?

 6. What is the blessing that God promises us (v.12)?

**Application of the Scriptures:**

1. When have you felt like giving up? Then what did you do?

 2. What kind of pain is the hardest for you to endure: physical suffering or emotional

 loss?

 3. What sustains you most in times of stress and trial?

 4. What is a "good and perfect gift" that you are thankful for?