**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?