

SCC Small Group Study – March 19, 2023
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HOPE PRODUCES JOY
James 1:1-8

Getting Started:

What are some things that are currently “stealing your joy”?

Is there any regret you want to jettison right now?

Searching the Scriptures:

Read James 1:1-5

A. How do you respond to the idea that we should consider it pure joy when we face trials? How does a positive attitude help in these situations?

B. Can you point to a difficult circumstance which resulted in you becoming more “mature and complete”?

Read James 1:6-8

C. The “asking” in this passage is related to asking for wisdom. Is it right to put these conditions on asking for other things? For example healing. Would this verse suggest that the reason we are not healed is because of our lack of faith?

D. What does it mean to be a double minded person? How does it relate to doubt?

E. Based on Philippians 3:13, what is something you have learned from a past regret?

F. Pastor Scott said “When we lack a Divine purpose we often settle for short-term pleasures instead of real, hopeful joy.” How has having or not having a purpose affected your joy?

Application of Scripture:

A. Describe a time you had to persevere. How long did it take? What were the benefits?

B. What do you do when you pray but still have doubts?

C. What worries would you like to commit to God right now?