



Discussion Prompts

The Discussion Prompts are provided to dig deeper into a sermon with the respective title mentioned on the right side of this guide (you can find the sermons at www.manheimbic.org/sermon).

Connect

Get to know each other. Connect, warm up to each other, fellowship. Just arrive after a long week of all kind of things. - Ask: Who are you personally?

Care

Carry each others burdens. Share life's challenges and practice Soul Care. Cry together. Support each other. Pray together. - Ask: How are you doing?

Challenge

Dive into God's word to learn from each others insight. Encourage & challenge each other to a godly life. - Ask: What is God teaching us today?

Study Guide:

Our **new** Sermon series takes us through the book of JAMES, a brother of Jesus and an amazing leader with a very practical mindset. But most importantly to mention is that James embraced the **Love of God** as something very special and dear to his heart. Out of this Love from God James urges his readers to put faith into action, simply because God loves us.

With this Love of God in mind, our Discussion Prompts will focus on one important aspect:

-> Temptations & Trials are part of life.

The question that follows is: How does a relationship with Jesus change the way we walk through those Temptations and Trials?

Let's look at **Trials** first:

What do can you do *now* to be able to be PREPARED for future trials? How does knowing that God loves you strengthen you for the tough times? How do you strengthen your faith *today*?

What about **Temptations**?

Pastor Bryce said that "A YES to God is a NO to lesser things". This is easier said than done. It needs to be applied and practiced on a daily basis. Here are some tools to help you with it:

1. Starve the Beast

What habit(s) do you have to deplete of its source of energy, in order to **put to death** (Romans 8:13) the sin associate with it? What tempts you the most? And what does it mean to not feed it (starve the temptation)?

2. Feed the Spirit

How do you feed your relationship with Christ, in order to be **filled with HIS Spirit** (Ephesians 5:18)? What do you do to nurture your relationship with God?

BONUS: Being in a relationship with Christ helps our view of Temptations and Trials.

It helps us better discern between real and fake.

It helps us develop a responsibility for our own faith.

It helps us see the authority that is available in Christ.

It helps us to know Jesus more intimately and create a greater separation from the world.

Clarify

Know what's to do next, with the studies text, within the group, and in general. Have a mission for the week. - Ask: How do we apply what we have learned?

Celebrate

Celebrate life's success and God's provision. Worship God's presence. Time to *brag* about God. - Ask: What has God done in our life that deserves praise?

JAMES - The Trap is set ...

They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. (Acts 2:42)

