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Session 1 Viewer Guide

Discussion:

1. How did James describe himself as he opened his letter in James 1:1?
2. Why is it significant that James, as a Jew, mentioned both God and Jesus?
3. What connotations does the word servant have? What does this self-identification reveal about James? What does it suggest about the content of his letter? About his perspective on the Christian life?
4. Read John 10:10. How do the concepts of Jesus giving abundant life and of Christians obeying Him as Lord work together?
5. Do you think of God as being more concerned with either your obedience or your joy? How does your perspective on God affect your daily life?
6. Read Psalm 139:16. How does believing that God created you and knows everything about you affect your willingness to obey Him?
7. Matt highlighted three major themes that will run throughout our study of James:
 - Trials, suffering, and difficulty can be expected. They never surprise God.
 - God desires progress, not perfection, as we follow Jesus.
 - Riches and comfort will never satisfy the soul.Which common struggle in the Christian life most often threatens to steal, kill, and destroy your joy and satisfaction?
8. On a scale of 1 to 10, with 1 being spiritually dead and 10 being fully alive in joyful obedience, how would you rate your relationship with God? Explain your rating.
9. Progress, not perfection, is James's message on faith and works. Sanctification is an ongoing work of the Holy Spirit in your life that conforms you to the image of Jesus. You hear the Holy Spirit's voice as you read the pages of Scripture.

Our goal is to move closer to being fully alive in Christ by the end of our thirteen-session journey through the Book of James.

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What are your hopes and expectations for studying the Book of James?

- 10.** What remaining questions or comments do you have about this session's video teaching or discussion? What was challenging, convicting, encouraging, or timely for your current circumstances?