



Sermon Discussion Questions  
Sunday, September 7, 2025

“Defiant in Joy”  
James 1: 1-11  
Pastor Clay Smith

1. James writes, “*Count it all joy when you meet trials of various kinds*” (v.2). How have you personally experienced God producing endurance and growth in your life through trials?
2. Verse 5 reminds us to ask God for wisdom in the midst of testing. In what areas of your life right now do you most need to seek God’s wisdom rather than rely on your own understanding?
3. James contrasts the poor and the rich (vv. 9–11). How do these verses challenge our culture’s view of wealth, status, and success? How can we live with a different perspective shaped by God’s wisdom?
4. The sermon emphasized that sometimes we only realize Jesus is all we need when He is all we have left. How does this truth shape the way you view hardship, loss, or disappointment in your life?