



Small Group Discussion

The Week of:

April 8, 2026

What's your life like:

Highs and lows from the week.

What are we talking about this week:

Main Point of Message:

- This week we are kicking off a brand new series called "Faith IRL" studying the book of James.

Bible Verses

- James 1:2-4, 1:5-8, 1:22

Discussion Questions

1. Think about that letter from the beginning of the message: the first time you heard it what did you think was going on? How did learning the context change the meaning of the letter?
2. Who wrote the book of James? What was significant about him? Who did he write it to? Why did he write it?
3. With that context in mind Read James 1 together as a group. Whoever wants to, take turns reading a few verses at a time until you get through the whole chapter.
4. James 1:2-4 says to consider trouble an "opportunity for great joy." Be honest, how hard is that to actually do? What would it look like to approach a hard situation that way?
5. James 1:5 promises God gives wisdom when we ask. What are some areas of your life where you could use God's wisdom?
6. James 1:22 says don't just listen to God's word but do what it says. Where in your life is it easiest to just nod along with your faith without it actually changing how you live?

Now what:

Think about the question James wants us to wrestle with: *Does your faith actually change the way you live?* Pick one specific area of your life this week and ask yourself that question honestly every day. What would it look like for your faith to show up there?