

## Are you wondering what it means to be a Christian?

Jesus said, "All that the Father gives me will come to Me, and the one who comes to Me I will never drive away" (John 6:37). Jesus also said, "No one can come to Me unless the Father who sent me draws him; and I will raise him up on the last day" (John 6:44).

If you are feeling drawn to Christ, it is because God the Father is drawing you; it is not a desire we can or will create within ourselves. This also means that there is no sin too great to be forgiven, and no past too sinful to be overcome. You can trust Christ to receive you because it is God the Father who is drawing you to find true repentance and receive the gift of faith. You can know a new life in Jesus Christ.

We would love to talk and pray with you about this or any other spiritual needs you may have. Please see Pastor Mark or one of our elders after today's service to do so.

## Are you interested in Baptism or Church Membership?

Please indicate your interest on the back of your Connection Card and Pastor Mark or one of the elders will be in touch with you this week to set up a time to meet with you.

James 1:1-12

## THE TRUTH ABOUT TEMPTATION

James 1:13-18

**Main Thought:** We can resist and overcome temptation by remembering three vital truths.

1. THE \_\_\_\_\_ OF \_\_\_\_\_. (vv 13-14)
  - 1) Temptation is \_\_\_\_\_ from God.
  - 2) Temptation \_\_\_\_\_ to our own evil \_\_\_\_\_.
2. THE \_\_\_\_\_ OF TEMPTATION. (v15)
  - 1) Evil desire gives \_\_\_\_\_ to sin.
  - 2) Sin gives birth to \_\_\_\_\_.
3. GOD IS THE \_\_\_\_\_ OF EVERY \_\_\_\_\_ AND \_\_\_\_\_ GIFT. (vv 16-18)
  - 1) \_\_\_\_\_ comes from God.
  - 2) Our gift-giver is the good \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_.
  - 3) His goodness will \_\_\_\_\_.
  - 4) His goodness is expressed in the \_\_\_\_\_.

## **ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS FOR GROWTH GROUPS**

1. Read James 1:13-18.

2. How do we know that God is not the source of temptation? (Psalm 119:37; 145:17; Isaiah 6:3)

3. Why would some people be inclined to blame God for temptations?

4. What is the source of our temptation? (v 14) Where did this evil desire come from? (See Romans 5:12)

5. What are the four stages of sin? How are these four stages depicted in Genesis 3? How can you relate to them personally?

6. How are we dragged away and enticed?

7. Describe some ways people can be deceived in these matters. (v 16)

8. What does James teach us about the goodness of God? (vv 17-18)

9. Explain the connection between God's Word and the new birth? (v 18)

10. What additional information do you learn about temptation from 1 Corinthians 10:13?

11. Can we be victorious over temptation? If so, how?