

# WHY LIFE IS HARD

James 1:2-4, 12; 5:7-11

## TRANSFORMED BY THE TRUTH

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION & DISCUSSION

1. Read James 1:2-4. Have you experienced “trials of many kinds”? If so, which ones have tested your faith most severely? Why?
2. Why do you think perseverance is such an important character trait? What are the spiritual dangers of having an underdeveloped endurance muscle?
3. Read James 1:12. What do you think James means by “the crown of life”? How do you reconcile this verse with John 3:16?
4. Read James 5:7-8. Do you think maintaining a clear focus on the “line” of eternity helps us to endure trials on the “dot” of our earthly life? If so, why? Do you think you will step off the dot and onto the line in the near future? Why or why not?
5. Read James 5:10-11. How do the experiences of Job and God’s prophets make you think differently about the trials you face?