



Richfield Community Church
Life Group Discussion Questions: Sunday, September 7, 2008
James 1:1-4

What does it mean?

1. Who is the letter written to? (Who are the twelve tribes in the Dispersion?)
2. What does it mean to “count” something as “all joy”?
3. How would you define joy?
4. How is joy related to trials according to James? According to James, when in relationship to a trial should we experience joy? After? During? Before?
5. What should we know about the testing of our faith? How do we know that we know it?
6. In your own words, what according to James is the “full effect” of steadfastness?

How does it apply?

1. Do you believe, really believe, God wants you to be happy (joyful)? Why or why not?
2. When are you the happiest?
3. What is the last significant trial you faced? Was there any joy? Why or why not?
4. What trials has God used to develop your faith? How did it happen?
5. Who do you know that experienced joy in the midst of a trial? What happened? What impact did that have on you?
6. What would need to happen for you to experience more joy?