**The Refiner’s Fire – James 1:1-18**

**Discussion Questions**

1. We all experience trials in some measure. Sharing *briefly*, what has been a trial or test that you’ve experienced lately.
2. In v. 5, James encourages us to ask for wisdom. Besides giving us a godly perspective of trials, how else does having wisdom help us through trials? Do you find yourself asking for wisdom when you go through trials?
3. V. 9-12 addresses the brevity of the things of this world. As much as you have faith in God, do you find yourself tempted to put trust in other things besides God? What things are of most importance to you that, if you’re not careful, you may be putting too much confidence in?
4. Read v. 13-15. Why do you think James uses the analogy of birth and death to illustrate the life of our sinful desires?