

## *The Common Thread*

JAMES: *3 Axioms About Living Present with Christ*

### Community Group Questions

1. Read and discuss **James 1: 2-4 NLT**—"2 Dear brothers and sisters, when troubles of any kind come your way, consider it an opportunity for great joy. 3 For you know that when your faith is tested, your endurance has a chance to grow. 4 So let it grow, for when your endurance is fully developed, you will be perfect and complete, needing nothing."
  
2. Discuss this quote: "I begin to think, feel, and act as if the solution to this problem is my greatest need." Why do you think it so easy for trouble to trump our trust?
  
3. Read and discuss **James 1:26-27 NIV**—"26 Those who consider themselves religious and yet do not keep a tight rein on their tongues deceive themselves, and their religion is worthless. 27 Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself from being polluted by the world."
  - a. Why is it so hard to speak love and live love with equal volume?
  
4. Read and discuss **Psalms 27:4 & 8 AMP**—" One thing I have asked of the Lord, and that I will seek: That I may dwell in the house of the Lord [in His presence] all the days of my life, To gaze upon the beauty [the delightful loveliness and majestic grandeur] of the Lord And to meditate in His temple... When You said, "Seek My face [in prayer, require My presence as your greatest need]," my heart said to You, "Your face, O Lord, I will seek [on the authority of Your word]."