

Life Group Study Notes

September 18, 2022

This Week's Message
The Trouble with Trouble
James 1:2-4; 2 Corinthians 4:16-18



Whenever life gets messy, our reaction is to think something is wrong with us, with life, or with God. What if the times when things are falling apart are the times when things are actually falling into place?

Study – Discovering What the Bible Says

1. What is the theme verse for the series and what is one takeaway truth from that verse?
2. What are some of the expectations about life you grew up with that, as you got older, created a false view of reality?

Read James 1:2-4

3. What two adjustments do we need to make, with respect to verse 2, to experience “great joy”?
4. What were the 3 points presented from James 1:2-4? Take time to discuss each point.
 - a. Trials reveal the _____ of our _____.

- b. Faith is simply _____ in _____.
- c. Joy is discovering something about your _____, that you would never have _____.

5. Why is discomfort the price of growth?

Read 2 Corinthians 4:16-18

6. How does this passage reinforce the two adjustments presented in Question #3?
7. What does a messy life challenge?
8. Is there anything additional that you would like to add or discuss on this topic?

My Personal Journey

1. What is messy in your life right now, and how is it affecting your outlook on life, yourself, or with God?
2. How does knowing that God is continually doing a good work in our lives change the way you approach the week ahead? Does it prompt you to pray differently?

Additional Notes

Coming Next Week – Part 2 of our Series, Messy Life

What the Devil Has on You
John 8:44; 1 Peter 5:8-9

The Bible teaches that there are three forces intent on making life messy. The more aware we are of their tactics, the better we can protect ourselves from their attacks. The first warning is against our greatest enemy; the devil.

Series Summary

*Messy Life: Finding Our Way Back to the Stress-Free Zone
(10 Part Series)*

We are born with this expectation that life should be perfect, but soon learn that life is messy and unpredictable. What if a messy life is really an invitation to something greater and potentially more hopeful?

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