

**June 22<sup>nd</sup> -28<sup>th</sup>**

**Lesson 2: James 1:5-11**

## **THE WAY OF WISDOM**

*"The fear of the LORD is the beginning of Wisdom."* Proverbs 9:10

1. In the middle of discussing trials, James mentions wisdom. (verse 5) What does wisdom have to do with facing trials? Why should we pray for wisdom, not just perseverance?
2. When we ask for wisdom, it is important that we believe something about God. What must we believe? (verses 5-8)
3. Why is it crucial that we believe this with our whole minds and hearts? (verses 6-8)
4. Describe one or more of the trials or testings you are currently facing. From verses 2-8, what are some of the attitudes you should have about this trial?
5. How can you cooperate with God in accomplishing the purposes for which He is allowing this trial? (verses 3-4) What can you do this week to let God use this situation to make you more mature and like Jesus?
6. What is the "high position" in which the Christian without wealth should take pride? (verse 9) In what "low position" should the rich Christian take pride? (verses 10-11)
7. How is each person's position, whether rich or poor, potentially a trial that can bring perseverance and maturity?
8. How do verses 10-11 affect your attitude toward your career and your possessions?
9. What insights from the first 11 verses of James would you like to take to heart?