



Small Group/ Reflection Notes

Date:	04/08/2019	Title:	Joy in Trials
 Read	James 1:1-18	 Listen again	ChesterRoadBaptist.org.uk/Talks
 Discuss	<input type="checkbox"/> When in your life have you felt tested by difficult circumstances? To what extent did it change you? <input type="checkbox"/> Looking back, can you see any good/ positives from this? <input type="checkbox"/> How do some people seem to maintain joy, <i>despite</i> their circumstances? <input type="checkbox"/> How might being a disciple of Jesus help you/ people cope with difficulties?		
 Go further	<input type="checkbox"/> Verse 5: "...God, who <i>gives generously to all, without finding fault.</i> " To what extent do you recognise this description of God? <input type="checkbox"/> Verse 13: Where does temptation come from? How do you deal with it?		
 Reflect	<input type="checkbox"/> Which one verse stands out to you? Why do you think it grabs your attention? <input type="checkbox"/> Which verse(s) will you need to think more about? Why?		
 Do	<input type="checkbox"/> Think of someone you know who is going through a testing time. What can you do to bring them some joy/ encouragement? What might they appreciate? e.g. call, text, visit, invite... bake a cake, buy a coffee, make a meal, send a card... <i>Just to let you know, I'm praying for you!</i>		
 Pray	<input type="checkbox"/> Pray by name for others going through testing times. <i>Dear God, please help _____ to deal with _____. Give them grace and strength.</i> <input type="checkbox"/> Ask God to help you with a situation you are facing. <i>Dear God, please help me deal with _____. Give me grace and strength.</i>		
 My question:			