



Richfield Community Church
Life Group Discussion Questions: Sunday, October 5th, 2008
James 1:16-18

What does it mean?

1. How are verses 12-15 related to 16-18?
2. What deception is James trying to steer the reader away from?
3. Is there a distinction between good and perfect gifts?
4. What is James trying to convey by his description of God as the “Father of lights with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change”?
5. What does James want us to see in verse 18a when he writes, “Of His own will he brought us forth by the word of truth”?
6. In what ways are we the ‘first fruits of His creatures’?
7. If you were to put a chapter title on verses 16-18, what would it be?

How does it apply?

1. What are some of the good gifts God has given you?
2. What prevents us from seeing trials as ‘good and perfect gifts’?
3. What would need to happen in order for you to genuinely view trials as a gift from God?
4. Who have you known that consistently views trials as a gift from God? What were the signs?