



Questions for further study

## **A Faith that Transforms**

12<sup>th</sup> January 2025

James 1:1-12

1. What is joy? Is it the same as happiness? What things bring you joy?
2. What testimonies of persecuted Christians have you heard or read that have bolstered or strengthened your faith? Why are these stories so powerful?
3. Think back to trials you may have faced in the past. How did God reveal himself to you? What lessons did you learn?
4. (v3-4) What does it mean for someone to be mature or perfect? How does knowing God has permitted a time of trial help you as you go through it? What practical steps can you take when in the middle of a time of testing? How can we help someone else? (*Think about those in other countries as well as people in our fellowship*).
5. (v6) James exhorts us not to doubt. What does doubt do? How can we rid ourselves of doubt?
6. If we are not already facing trials, we know this will invariably happen in the future. Can we prepare ourselves for such a time? If so, how?