



Community Bible Church
Sermon Discussion Questions: May 7, 2023
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Title: Tough Times

Text: James 1

Icebreaker: How would you describe your personal style when using your horn at other drivers in traffic? *Aggressive, Corrective, Silent, or Creative?*

1. **Embrace James 1:2-4** Three causes of tough times:

- A. Your mistakes
- B. Other's mistakes
- C. God's eternal plan

Question #1: *Why is it important for us to embrace tough times when we experience them? What would happen if we refused to acknowledge, discuss, or address difficult situations?*

2. **Ask James 1:5-8** God is the answer, not the option!

Appoint your Board of Advisors

- A. You
- B. God
- C. Parents
- D. Experts
- E. Friends

Question #2: Take a moment to think of a time when you were dealing with a heavy burden. *Who were the people who supported you during that season of life? What did they do that was so memorable?*

Question #3: Galatians 6:2 says, "Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ." *How do you think we can best serve and encourage others in the midst of their pain?*

3. **Endure James 1:12** *“Tough times never last; tough people do.”* Robert Schuller
Get inspired by people who endured and succeeded.

Question #4: *Is there a notable story of someone enduring tough times that has stuck with you as a source of inspiration and encouragement? What does it mean to turn to God and remain steadfast during trials and tribulations?*

4. **Obey James 1:22-25**

Trust Jesus, read the New Testament, and do what it says. (Starting now)

Question #5: *What are some things that can keep us from putting God’s Word into action? How will you combat them to respond in obedience to this weekend’s message?*