## A.L.I.V.E. Bible Study Date: June 21, 2023 James 1:9-18

- 1. What does James mean by believers in humble circumstances?
  - a. I don't know.
  - b. Well, verse 10 would suggest that it is the opposite of rich...at least in the world's eyes.
  - c. It is more than just whether you have money or not but has to do with the social position that may be associated with riches.
- 2. What does he tell believers in humble circumstances to do?
  - a. We should mope around like we don't have enough.
  - b. We should beg God to give us more.
  - c. We should take pride in our high position.
  - d. It seems like God and his people do not (or at least should not) look at wealth and position the same way that the world does.
- 3. What does James tell the rich, according to verse 10?
  - a. Be grateful.
  - b. They should take pride in their humiliation.
  - c. What they have (specifically, their riches) will ultimately be destroyed...or pass away.
  - d. Those who have put their hope in riches will fade...
- 4. Is this a condemnation for those who have worked hard and experienced financial prosperity? Yes\_\_\_\_No\_\_\_\_Explain.
- 5. How do you respond to financial and social "losses"?\_\_\_\_\_
- 6. What does verse 12 tell us about the Christian life?
  - a. We are blessed when we undergo trials.
  - b. We are blessed when we persevere under trial...
- 7. Who, according verse 12, will receive the crown of life?
  - a. Everybody.

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- b. People who undergo trial.
- c. People who have stood the test, persevered under trial.
- d. Those who love him.
- 8. What do verses 13-14 tell us about temptation?
  - a. God is tempting us...or testing us.
  - b. The devil is the tempter.
  - c. Each person is tempted when they are dragged away by their own evil desire...
  - What do verses 14-15 suggest about the relationship between temptation and sin?
    - a. They are pretty much the same thing.
    - b. Desire that allows us to be tempted must be combined with something else before "it gives birth to sin"
- 10. How do you handle temptation in order to avoid progression to sin and death?