## WISDOM FOR TRIALS DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

JAMES 1:5-8

1	Why is it so easy to turn to the world's wisdom (psychology, self-help programs, feelings, etc) when God offers His wisdom?		
	♥ What aspects of the world's wisdom do you find your own heart tempted to pursue?		
2	James 1:5 tells us that God gives wisdom freely to all who would ask Him.		
	What is the wisdom that comes from God like? See James 3:13-18, Psalm 111:10, Prov 2:6, Col 3:16.		
	What else can we learn about what and how God gives from the following verses (Acts 17:25, John 3:16, Romans 8:32)? Spend time in worship for the things you share as a group.		
	Do you see God as the One to whom you can go for wisdom? Confess the areas of your life where you struggle asking God for wisdom and pray for one another.		

3	As in the Old Testament, wisdom is a God-given and God-centered discernment regarding God's words, it is seeing the world and your circumstances as God sees them and then acting in accord with the 5 to ask God for wisdom is not disconnected from the theme of persevering under trials in James 1:2-4.	ld and how best to live in it. In other at knowledge. The exhortation in verse
	Read Proverbs 2:6−15. Discuss the different areas that wisdom guards us from.	
	How do trials help us to trust in God's wisdom over our own wisdom?	
4	According to James 1:6, to doubt is to be a person of a fundamentally divided mind and a fundamentally it's a reckless and wavering distrust— a refusal finally to trust God. The point is not that a Christian never not allow his mind to become so divided and self-disputing that it welcomes those doubts.	ally inconsistent attitude toward God. r has doubts; it's that a Christian must
	How should we treat doubt? (Ps 33:4, Matt 21:21-22, Mark 9:24, Romans 4:20, Heb. 6:19)	
	What are some strategies Christians can use to fight doubt?	PRAYER REQUESTS
	♥ In what areas of your life are you double-minded, wavering between your own agenda and God's agenda? How does it feel to do the spiritual splits? How can you apply Proverbs 3:5-6 to that situation?	
5	<b>How would you counsel a doubting Christian back to faith in God?</b> Where should he begin? What passages of scripture or Biblical examples would you direct them toward?	
6	What areas of your life right now do you need wisdom to face? Spend time sharing your needs as a group, and ask God for help trusting His promise to give wisdom to those who ask Him for it.	