

Is Your Perception Reality?

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JAMES
FAITH / WORKS

WARM UP

Share your favorite things about spring.

COMING UP

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Grace Kids Choir presents *Psalty's Camping Adventure* Sunday, April 25 • 4:00 p.m. • Tune in live online at GracePolaris.org/Watch.

How to Share the Gospel with the Nations Saturdays, May 8, 15, & 22 • 3:00 p.m. • MC 4 • To register for just \$10 by May 6, visit GracePolaris.org/Nations or text "Nations" to 614-888-7733.

Spring Work Day Saturday, May 15 • 8:00 a.m. • Outdoors Rain or Shine • To RSVP by May 12, visit GracePolaris.org/WorkDay or text "WorkDay" to 614-888-7733.

WITNESS

- Who are the people in your sphere of influence you're praying will come to know Jesus?
- Share any progress/updates. Pray together for God to use you and your Grace Group to influence these people for Jesus.

EXPLORE

- 1 What can we learn about the nature and character of God from this week's passage? How does knowing this impact your perspective on trials and temptations?
- 2 How should believers in humble circumstances take pride in their high positions (1:9)? How should rich believers take pride in their humiliation (1:10,11)? Why does it matter?
- 3 How can you find strength to persevere in trials? Why is it worth standing the test (1:12)? Explain.
- 4 Who's at fault for your sin? What strategies have you found helpful for resisting temptation? What caution should we heed from James' description of the progression from temptation to death (1:13-16)?
- 5 What do verses 17 and 18 affirm about God that contradict common misconceptions about Him? If you're a believer, how have you seen God care for you as your dependable, loving Father?
- 6 Consider the various outcomes described in 1:10,11 (brevity of life and riches), 1:12 (the crown of life), and 1:15 (death). What perspective do these outcomes offer? What adjustments to your priorities should they provoke?
- 7 In what ways can you demonstrate more dependence on, contentment in, and gratitude for God's goodness to you?

PRAY

Pray that God would help you see the circumstances of your life through the reality of His perfect character.