



Session 9

Big Idea:

We are called to persevere in faith.

GROUP OPENER

Share the last time you hit a difficulty or hardship you did not expect, something that completely came out of the blue.

GROUP DISCUSSION

- Read Galatians 6:17-16 and James 1:1-4 Twice out loud, in different versions of the Bible – everyone listens.
- What are some significant observations you have about this text? What stood out? What didn't you like? What was confusing?
- What does this passage teach us about God? How does it change how I see God?
- What does this passage teach us about humanity/ourselves? How would it change how I treat others?
- What does this passage teach us about obedience? How should it affect the way I live?

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ACTION STEPS

I will statement . . .

- Based on what God is teaching in this passage, what should I do? Reflect for a minute or two and develop an action statement. Put it in the form, "I Will _____". Make it concrete, simple, and achievable. Share it with the group.

As a Group

One of the many promises of Jesus is that in this life we will have trouble and yet it can sometimes catch us by surprise.

There are several tools that we can lean on in our faith to help our perseverance. Discuss these with your group.

Seeing the perseverance of Jesus.

Knowing that difficulty can be used by God to shape us.

Fixing our eyes on an eternal perspective.

Taking inspiration from people like Paul who have suffered for their faith and set us an example.

Living in a community of Christian support and encouragement.

On your own:

Consider how can you practically grow your dependence on God and others right now. Perhaps you can ask for help on the next task you could do on your own, perhaps you can pick the tool above that is most difficult and challenge yourself to grow in that area.