

MAKING THE MOST OF TOUGH TIMES

Spiritual Lessons Only Learned During Difficult Seasons

ALL CAMPUSES

1. Read James 1:2-5. God is always at work in all situations! During this time, how are you learning to cooperate with God - Trusting that His purposes are good?

2. Read 1 John 3:16-18. We've seen selfish hoarding and selfless sacrifices. How are you cultivating eyes that are open and a heart that is caring and honoring of others? What are ways you are seeking to love and serve others during this crisis?

3. Read James 4:13-15. Are you practicing an accurate view of dependence on God? Talk about what it's like to live continually trusting in a sovereign God. In what other things in your life have you had to cultivate this perspective of faith and dependence?

4. Read Hebrews 12:1-3. How can we help each other better fix our eyes on Jesus and keep Him in our sights no matter what happens? Now? If things get worse? During the economic fall-out from this crisis?

If meeting virtually, use this format:

1. Welcome everyone – Make sure everyone knows how to use the mute & unmute buttons.
2. Check-in with everyone. How's everyone doing? (up-to-the minute)
3. Make plans for any ministry items you'll be doing together as a group this week.
4. Discuss the Small Group Discussion Questions.
5. Share prayer requests and then pray for each other.

If launching or starting a NEW online small group:

1. Pick a couple of friends.
2. Pick a platform to use - (We recommend a free account at *Zoom.com* but there are many options.)
3. Pick a time to meet on-line. Then just follow this format above