

*Small Group Discussion*  
*Sunday, October 4, 2009*  
James 1:12-18

Opener Question:

At this stage of life, what do you find most surprising about the things that tempt you?

1. James makes it clear that we are not to blame God for tempting us. What are the dangers? How have you done this in past experiences?
2. What is the all-too-predictable pattern of temptation found in verses 14 and 15? What are the two metaphors found in these verses?
3. How can we break the death grip that sin can exert over us?
4. How does temptation entice us to doubt God's goodness and what four reminders does James give us in verses 16-18?
5. How can we as fellow believers help one another through this tempting world to triumph? How do we balance between convictions and compassion?