



**Date & Sermon Series:**

May 27/28, 2017; Straight From the Heart

**Speaker: Pastor Joel Schmidgall**

**Scripture Focus:** James 1:2-5

**Note to Leaders:**

This weekend we discussed embracing the battle. These questions provide a framework to prompt or foster discussion. Don't feel you have to use all or any of these questions and you don't have to make it to the end! Use the questions that best fit your group and let discussion flow.

**Sermon Series Questions:**

1. What did God reveal to you?
2. What are you going to do about it?
3. What is one element of God's character you learned?

**Specific Questions:**

1. What purpose does God desire to bring out of your pain?
2. How can you embrace difficult seasons, hardships, or people in a way that God will develop you?
3. Where are you seeking deliverance where instead you need to develop perseverance?
4. What battle have you been trying to win for yourself, but now realize you need to fight it for somebody else?
5. Is there a battle you're fighting in which you need to redefine what success looks like? How would you redefine it?
6. What is your response to Pastor Joel's statement, "If you're succeeding without suffering, someone else did. If you're suffering without succeeding, someone else will."
7. How can you have peace in the midst of trial?