

DISCUSSION GUIDE
NOVEMBER 11 & 12



GAME
CHANGERS
TACKLING THE BASICS

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FOLLOWING JESUS • IN COMMUNITY • FOR OTHERS

Avoid Penalties

JAMES 1:14 | WEEK 5

Opening Questions

1. What kinds of sin or temptation do you think most Americans are likely to give in to and why?
2. Describe consequences not usually considered regarding temptation and sin.

In the Word

1. Read [James 1:1-18](#) (message focused on [verses 13-15](#)).
2. Pastor Carter talked about the source of temptation, consequences, and viewing ourselves as God views us. What do [verses 13-18](#) specifically say about these subjects?
3. Summarize one important point from [verses 13-18](#) in your own words.
4. Pastor Carter also talked about the steps of desire, deception, design, disobedience, and death. How are these reflected in James and which ones do we tend to overlook?
5. How do [verses 16-18](#) contrast to [verses 13-15](#)? What do [verses 16-18](#) tell us about God's hope and vision for His people who want to follow Jesus?

Making It Personal

1. What temptation toward sin are you facing that you need to take seriously and resist?
2. What steps should you take this week to avoid sin and temptation? How can you gain accountability?
3. Break into smaller groups (pairs or separate men/women) and spend some time in confession and prayer with each other.
4. Send a text, email, or written note to someone close to you who is struggling to encourage them and offer your help.

Continued Learning

1. Look at Jesus' temptation in the wilderness in [Luke 4:1-13](#). What can we learn about sin, temptation, and resisting from these verses?

Additional Notes