Pray together to enter the study
Read text aloud (2-3 verses per person)

FRAME *2 min to read aloud*

A letter written by James, Jesus' brother.

This type of letter is like a modern-day sermon and was intended to be shared among multiple churches in the ancient world.

OBSERVE

5 min to reflect alone, 5 min to all share

Imagine yourself in the story. What do you see, hear, and smell?

Look for repeated words, comparisons, contrasts, and cause and effect.

Note characters, relationships, locations, time, actions, and reactions.

INTERPRET

3 min to gather q's, 12 min to discuss

Develop some questions based on your observations. What stirs your curiosity?

Imagine the perspective of the people in the scene.

Answer your questions from the text and context.

SUMMARIZE & SPOTLIGHT

1 min to read the summary aloud

James writes telling believers to embrace hard times because they grow your faith. He also reminds them to trust in God because everything else is fleeting.

3 min to individually write a main point
2 min for all to share, end with leader

WEEK 9: HOW TO PERSEVERE

James 1:1 – 12 (NIV)

1 James, a servant of God and of the Lord Jesus Christ,

To the twelve tribes scattered among the nations:

Greetings.

2 Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of
many kinds, 3 because you know that the testing of your faith produces
perseverance. 4 Let perseverance finish its work so that you may be
mature and complete, not lacking anything. 5 If any of you lacks wisdom, you
should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will
be given to you. 6 But when you ask, you must believe and not
doubt, because the one who doubts is like a wave of the sea, blown and
tossed by the wind. 7 That person should not expect to receive anything from
the Lord. 8 Such a person is double-minded and unstable in all they do.

9 Believers in humble circumstances ought to take pride in their high
position. 10 But the rich should take pride in their humiliation—since they will
pass away like a wild flower. 11 For the sun rises with scorching heat and
withers the plant; its blossom falls and its beauty is destroyed. In the same
way, the rich will fade away even while they go about their business.

12 Blessed is the one who perseveres under trial because, having stood the
test, that person will receive the crown of life that the Lord has promised to
those who love him.

INVITATION

5 min for individual reflection, 5 min to share as a group

What trials are you facing as a healthcare worker or student? What in this passage could encourage you? Set aside a time this week to pray for wisdom from God as James suggests. Set a reminder now or write the time you are setting aside to spend praying this week:

CONCLUDE

5 min to pray for each other and your applications

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