

## LIFE GROUP SERMON SUMMARY QUESTIONS

**JAMES**

These questions are for the **September 27, 2015** sermon, "Return of the Wanderer." Please read the sermon passage (James 5:19-20) together out loud.

### Sermon Outline:

WHEN WANDERING OCCURS, NOTE . . .

1. **The believers among whom the wanderer is associated** (19)
  - A. Among the fellowship of believers there will be unconverted wanderers.
  - B. We must never cease to evangelize, encourage and teach the Bible to all those among us.
  - C. We must pursue those who have wandered from us as if they are lost in their sin.
2. **The truth, from which the wanderer has departed** (19)
  - A. The anchor of the local church is the truth of God's Word (truth is our relevance).
  - B. Relevance becomes irrelevant when it wanders from God's Word.
3. **The rescuer, through whom the wanderer is restored** (19, 20)
  - A. God has trouble with his wandering children (and he is a better parent than you)
  - B. Bringing back a wanderer implies conversion of the wanderer's soul to Jesus Christ.
4. **The danger, from which the wanderer's soul is protected** (20)
  - A. Redemption and protection from eternal punishment.
  - B. As the faithful rescue those who wander, by God's grace.

### Life Group Discussion Questions

1. Based on #1, above: We all want to believe that those who have been "among" the fellowship are people who are "of" the fellowship. Why is this dangerous? How does this affect the way we pray, rescue and live?
2. Based on #2, above: No one wanders toward the truth of the Scriptures. We tend to wander away. Speak of how the truth captured the heart of a wanderer (maybe you or a loved one). How can we remain absolutely anchored to the truth while we pursue the wanderers?
3. Based on #3, above: Respond to this truth: God is the perfect Father, but he has children (those who will eventually come to him) who wander far from him.
4. Based on #3, above: Rescuing a wanderer requires that the wanderer be converted to Jesus Christ. This conversion is an act of God (not you). It requires the work of the Spirit (not you). It will happen in God's timing (not yours). How does this impact your prayer life?
5. Based on #4, above: We are called to the ministry of rescuing wanderers. How can you improve at this ministry of discipleship in the next week? In the next month? In this season of your life?