



GATHERING

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What do we do when we face trials? This past year has caused us to face many trials that we never imagined we would face. One of the unique trials of 2020 has been the inability to GATHER. In this new series, Tyler challenges us to COUNT IT ALL JOY!

1. COUNT IT ALL JOY—READ James 1:2-4

We can't really know the depth of our character until we see how we react under pressure. God wants to make us mature and complete.

- What does it mean to you to “count it all joy?”
- What does it mean to have your faith tested?
- Is there a time in your life where you had to persevere? If so, what did you learn?

2. THE BENEFITS OF GATHERING—READ Psalm 122:1-9

In these passages we see these benefits in gathering:

- Your soul will rejoice.
- You will enjoy the presence of God's people.
- You will experience the unity of worshipping together.
- You will pray together for peace and prosperity of our city, and our family.

What else do you see in these passages? What are some of the benefits you most enjoy when we gather?

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

1. What is a trial you are facing in your life right now?
2. In what ways has comfort become an idol in your life?
3. What do you think perseverance looks like in the midst of trials?
4. When we regather, will you come?

COMMIT TO MEMORY—*“Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters,^[a] whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance. Let perseverance finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything.” James 1:2-4*

CHALLENGE—Instead of asking God to remove a trial, **thank** Him for promising to be with you in the trial, and **ask** Him to give you strength as you endure the trial.