

Questions Week 3 - James 1:9-18

1. In verses 9-11, who are the "lowly" and who are the "rich"? What temptations do you think each group would face? How do you think James would encourage them? Which group would James put you in?
2. Do you think there's a difference between the trials of verses 1-11 and the temptations in verses 12-18? Why?
3. According to James, what is God's role in temptation? How does that fit with Jesus' teaching us to pray, "Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil"?
4. What do you think it means to be deceived? And how do we avoid it?
5. How do the "good gifts" (vs 17) relate to "being deceived" (vs 16)? How do "good gifts" protect us from being deceived?
6. What is more troubling to you: self-deception or deception from outside sources? Why?