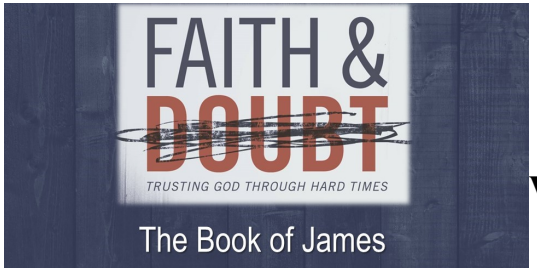

"Turning"

James 5:19-20

Week of August 16, 2020

I. Wandering
What is the problem referred to in James 5:19?

How would you describe the concept of wandering?

What do you think involves "wandering from the truth"?

Describe various characteristics of the truth of God in Jesus?

What do the following verses tell us about this?
1 John 2:6, John 14:23, Ephesians 5:8-10, James 1:21-22

Why do you think Christians wander from the truth?

What is the message found in James 4:4 and Matthew 6:24?

II. Bringing Back
What does James 5:19 tell us the focus of the community of faith should be as it relates to someone wandering from the truth?

Why do we not take this message to heart?

To whom or what are we to bring a person back to? Why do we have to be careful about the end result of bringing a person back?

Why is this often such a difficult conversation?

If we have a difficult conversation with someone, what makes the hearer willing to listen to what we have to say?

How is the truth of Ephesians 4:15 relevant here?

What are steps that can be taken that help us to share a confrontive truth with someone else? What do we need to avoid?

III. Result
How is this wandered referred to in James 5:20?

How would you define the word "sinner"?

The phrase "error of their ways" would cause some people to react negatively. Why? Why is this an appropriate phrase?

Romans 6:23 states that the wages of sin is death. How would you describe what is meant by the word death?

How do sinners experience living in death?

How does Jesus rescue us from death?

What does it mean that our repentance and our turning to Jesus covers a multitude of sins?

Look back on each chapter of the book of James. What are the topics that God has spoken to you about?

What are the three greatest takeaways that you have from the book of James?