

## Lessons Learned Through Preparing For James

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Our Huntington Beach HUG Group has been together for a long time. We have been getting older together and hopefully, wiser while walking through life's joys and trials together; being there for one another. What a blessing it is to fellowship and connect with a smaller community of believers within our congregation!



For our HUG Group, several of us have been alternating being the facilitator for our Bible studies. Our study is currently based on the sermon(s) prior to our meeting. This past week I was the facilitator for our study based on James 1:9-12, which Pastor Ted spoke on January 28<sup>th</sup>. Since I knew it was my turn to facilitate, I attentively listened and took careful notes, but like my college days, my note taking is not the best. Thank goodness I was able to review the sermon in detail on YouTube to get a much better understanding of the message Pastor Ted was conveying regarding James' instructions to each of us.

I am grateful that I was able to lead our HUG Bible study last week, because I now understand James much more deeply than if I heard someone just share the same words. Preparing for our study as a facilitator is a bit stressful because you want to share God's word well to those attending, however, I do understand that this is a minor trial compared to the persecuted tribes that were James' audience. God teaches us His love and the relationship that He wants with us, regardless of how small or minor the trial or circumstance is. God likes to get us out of our comfort zone to do things we normally don't do, but we have faith that He equips us with what we need to be successful. I find it wonderfully amazing how God places the sermon series of James to me at this time.

*"Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance."—James 1:2-3.*

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## Order of Service

February 11<sup>th</sup>, 2024

Welcome & Call To Worship ..... Elder Phil  
 Worship.....Pastor Ted & Congregation  
 Sermon.....**Genuine Love**.....Guest Speaker Sunroot Liu  
 Song of Response.....Pastor Ted & Congregation  
 Benediction.....Pastor Phil

## Sermon Outline

Sunroot Liu • Romans 12:9-13

### Genuine Love for Self

<sup>9</sup> *Let love be genuine*

*Abhor what is evil. Eliminate evil like it is a \_\_\_\_\_*

*Hold fast to what is good. Pursue goodness like your \_\_\_\_\_*

### Genuine Love for Neighbor

<sup>10</sup> *Love one another with brotherly affection*

*Outdo one another in showing honor. Be \_\_\_\_\_ deferential*

<sup>11</sup> *Do not be slothful in zeal, be fervent in spirit, serve the Lord*

*Serve with \_\_\_\_\_*

<sup>12</sup> *Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer*

*Serve with \_\_\_\_\_*

<sup>13</sup> *Contribute to the needs of the saints and seek to show hospitality*

*\_\_\_\_\_ service opportunities.*

### The Model of Genuine Love

We love because \_\_\_\_\_

### Questions for discussion and reflection:

- What are some evil things in your life that you've allowed to remain?
- What are some good practices/habits you can pursue?
  - When have you found it hard to continue loving your community?
  - What are some needs in your community that you have the means to address?
  - How have you experienced the love of God?

## Ways to connect:

Today: Lunar NY Lunch: thank you Moon and crew for preparing an onolicious lunch!  
**Super Bowl of Love & Listening** (12:15-1:15, Sanctuary, ages 9 to 99):

Learn how to minimize misunderstandings, practice active listening skills. 

2/15: **Women's Ministry Bible Study** (*Heart of God*, Francis Chan, 6:46-8:30pm, 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Thurs.): Contact Trudee Joe, womensministry@journeyec.org for details.

2/16 & 17: **SERVE Ministry** (Fri & Sat). Help serve those who are in need. To see how you can volunteer, go to our online sign-up at <https://signup.com/go/dMBLcbk> or contact Diane Yee by texting or calling (714) 801-3096.

2/18: **Help Journey guests feel loved** (12-12:45): everyone is encouraged to join us (mandatory for officers) for an enjoyable training, different from last year.

3/3: **Baptism & Membership Class** (12:00-2:30): if you are interested in professing your faith or joining Journey's mission on Easter, email [amy@journeyec.org](mailto:amy@journeyec.org).



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