

Ice-breaker

What sort of excuses to people come up with for their mistakes, sin, etc.?

Read James 1:13-18

- Can you think of any reason why we tend to blame God, who's not the author of temptations, or even others for almost anything that goes wrong in our lives? (v. 13)
- Even though God does not tempt us, do you think He allows it? Why, or why not?
- What does the phrase, **and He Himself tempts no one**, tell you about God's intent for your life? (See James 1:17-18; Genesis 22:1; Judges 2:22; 2 Kings 20:12-19; 2 Chronicles 32:31)
- Take verses 14 & 15 and come to an understanding of how you may have fallen into downward spiral to sin through one of your own life's experiences.
- Compare Proverbs 14:12 with John 14:6 as it pertains to James 1:14-15.
- Draw a conclusion on the word, **death**, that James speaks of, in verse 15.
- Going back to verses 17-18, find as many reasons as you can as to why there's no need to doubt God's goodness.
- Take a moment to identify any area(s) of weakness, in which you might be easily tempted to sin. How can you live differently as a follower of Jesus?

Announcements.

1. **HOPE IN THE HOLY LAND** Friday, Oct 1, 6pm, Chapel Mark Foreman hosts a viewing of the documentary "Hope in the Holy Land" followed by a Q&A with Executive Producer and star of the film, Todd Morehead, and Director, Jesse Schluntz, from NCCC. The film features Morehead's journey to discover the deeper truths behind the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. He encounters the painful struggles of Jews, Muslims and Christians on both sides of the conflict and exposes viewers to perspectives rarely seen in the media. (The film does contain some graphic violence so it's not suitable for younger audiences.) Please RSVP to help us know how many to expect. RSVP: <https://public.serviceu.com/RegistrationForm/11139109-458756085/?OrgKey=654a1a11-f334-493b-8370-09c9117ed7f7>
2. **Sangita Trust presents: 5K COLOR WALK (or run), Saturday, Oct 16** from 9:30 to noon with the walk at 10, here at NCCC. Plus enjoy Indian food, outdoor games, live entertainment and more. Proceeds benefit women and children in India. MORE INFO AND SIGN UP at SangitaHope.org.
3. **HIKE: OCTOBER 2 AT BRIDGE TO NOWHERE – Outdoor Adventure Ministries**
(<https://www.northcoastcalvary.org/outdoor/>)
4. **Harvest Party: Friday, October 29th, 2021.** Harvest Party 2021 at North Coast Calvary Chapel, Friday, October 29th from 4-6PM & 6:30-8:30PM. I need volunteer greeters for 3 times slots. Let me know if you're interested and I'll send you an email.