



James 1:2-4 (NIV) <sup>2</sup>Consider it pure joy, my brothers, whenever you face trials of many kinds, <sup>3</sup>because you know that the testing of your faith develops perseverance. <sup>4</sup>Perseverance must finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything.

### Lessons from the River

#### 1. Rapids Are \_\_\_\_\_.

*In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world. (John 16:33)*

*Consider it pure joy, my brothers, whenever you face trials of many kinds... (James 1:2)*

#### 2. There Are Different \_\_\_\_\_ of Whitewater.

*Consider it pure joy, my brothers, whenever you face trials of many kinds... (James 1:2)*

#### 3. Rapids are \_\_\_\_\_.

*For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all. (2 Corinthians 4:17)*

*...because you know that the testing of your faith develops perseverance. Perseverance must finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything. (James 1:3-4)*

### Four Keys to Riding the Rapids Well

#### 1. Get the Right \_\_\_\_\_.

*"For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are – yet was without sin." (Hebrews 4:15)*

*"The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full." (John 10:10)*

#### 2. Get the Right \_\_\_\_\_.

*"All scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work." (2 Timothy 3:16-17)*

#### 3. Choose the Right \_\_\_\_\_.

*"So in Christ we who are many form one body, and each member belongs to all the others." (Romans 12:5)*

### Want to Go Deeper?

- Think about the character issues God is working on in your life through trials. What have you learned from past trials?
- Let us know on your Communication Card that you are interested in information about our small groups.
- Spend time in the Bible daily. For starters, read the book of Proverbs.
- Choose Jesus as your guide and follow Him in baptism.
- Memorize James 1:2.
- Read *How to Overcome Adversity* by Charles Stanley.

Please let us know the commitments you are making to God by using the Communication Card. We will pray for you!