



## Single Minded

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- **Game - Ninja**
- **Family Time** - Get together in small groups (3-4) and talk about your thoughts on going out into the community and hospitals.
  1. Does the thought of going out make you nervous? Why or why not?
  2. What role do you see yourself taking in this outreach?
  3. What would you like to see happen as we go out?

### *Come back together as a group*

1. Have any of you ever burned anything with a magnifying glass? How?
2. Has anyone ever used a pressure washer? How does it work?
3. What do these two things have in common?

Have you ever wanted something so bad that all of your focus was on getting it? What was it, and what were you willing to do for it?

### **Read James 1:2-8 (also this week's Memory Verse)**

<sup>2</sup> Dear brothers and sisters, <sup>[a]</sup> when troubles come your way, consider it an opportunity for great joy. <sup>3</sup> For you know that when your faith is tested, your endurance has a chance to grow. <sup>4</sup> So let it grow, for when your endurance is fully developed, you will be perfect and complete, needing nothing.

<sup>5</sup> If you need wisdom, ask our generous God, and he will give it to you. He will not rebuke you for asking. <sup>6</sup> But when you ask him, be sure that your faith is in God alone. Do not waver, for a person with divided loyalty is as unsettled as a wave of the sea that is blown and tossed by the wind. <sup>7</sup> Such people should not expect to receive anything from the Lord. <sup>8</sup> Their loyalty is divided between God and the world, and they are unstable in everything they do.

1) What is this saying?

2) If your loyalty or your focus is divided between the world and God, what will the result be? Why?

3) What does it say we can do to help us with being "single minded"?

4) Why would this be important to know before we start going out into hospitals and peoples homes?  
Or even in your everyday lives?

**Challenge:**

1) Make God your focus. Become single minded on trusting God and God alone. Pray this week for wisdom, God will show you how.

Example: God you said in your word that I could ask for wisdom and you would give it to me. God give me wisdom on how to see all the troubles that come my way as opportunities to grow my faith (trust) in you, and to grow in patience. Give me wisdom to see how to block out everything this world throws at me every day and not to trust in the world's ways, but to trust in you alone. Amen.