

# Christ Community Church

Community Group Discussion Guide for Week of November 2, 2025

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## Announcements

- 1. Community Group:** Reminder that the next community group (the second meeting in November) will be the first of three potluck dinners together this ministry year. Therefore, please sign up to bring something on the virtual signup sheet that your group administrator will send to you.
- 2. Next Spark a Friendship at Catch-a-Fire Pizza:** Join us after the service on the 2nd Sunday of every month for lunch together at Catch-a-Fire in Blue Ash. Next lunch is November 9th.
- 3. Next Men's Meetup:** Join us at the Fowling Warehouse in Norwood on Thursday, November 13th from 7:30 to 9:00 PM for some fowling (when football meets bowling).
- 4. Next Women's Meetup:** Join us at the home of Maggie Brown Thursday, December 4th from 7:00 to 9:00 PM for Christmas Party & Cookie Exchange. Please register online if you plan on attending at [www.christcincy.org/events](http://www.christcincy.org/events).
- 5. Eastern Cincinnati Young Life's Gobble Gobble 5K:** Register online to join people from Christ Community Church at 9AM at Swaim Park in Montgomery on Thanksgiving Morning for YL's annual Gobble Gobble 5K. Also, if you are interested in volunteering for this event, email Gordon Anaple at [ganaple@sc.younglife.org](mailto:ganaple@sc.younglife.org).
- 6. The Gospel Coalition's 2026 Women's Conference:** Join the women of Christ Community Church for TCG's Women's Conference in Indy from June 11 to 13 for a time of worship, teaching, and connection. For registration and more information, visit [www.christcincy.org/events](http://www.christcincy.org/events).

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*Opening Question – If you could instantly master any hobby or skill, what would it be?*

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## James 1:19-27

*Leader's Note: Open with a brief prayer, asking God to make the group receptive to His Word. Then invite someone to read the passage aloud. (For longer sections, consider dividing the reading among several people.)*

[19] Know this, my beloved brothers: let every person be quick to hear, slow to speak, slow to anger; [20] for the anger of man does not produce the righteousness of God. [21] Therefore put away all filthiness and rampant wickedness and receive with meekness the implanted word, which is able to save your souls.

[22] But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves. [23] For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man who looks intently at his natural face in a mirror. [24] For he looks at himself and goes away and at once forgets what he was like. [25] But the one who looks into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and perseveres, being no hearer who forgets but a doer who acts, he will be blessed in his doing.

[26] If anyone thinks he is religious and does not bridle his tongue but deceives his heart, this person's religion is worthless. [27] Religion that is pure and undefiled before God the Father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their affliction, and to keep oneself unstained from the world.

## Discussion Questions

1. In verses 19 to 21, James encourages us to listen before speaking. What makes it difficult for us to be “quick to hear, slow to speak, and slow to anger” whether that be in relationship with God and his word, or with others?  
⇒ *Potential Follow-Up Question(s): When you think about being “quick to hear, slow to speak, and slow to anger” what does that practically look like? Can you think of a time in your life when embodying those commands brought peace or clarity to a situation?*
2. In verses 22 to 24, James warns against the disconnect of hearing and doing God's word. How does remembering what Jesus has done for us change the way we hear and obey what He commands?  
⇒ *Potential Follow-Up Question(s): Why do you think grace is more effective than guilt in producing real change? How does gratitude for the gospel make obedience feel different?*
3. In James 1:25, James encourages practical reflection on how God's word reveals what's true and invites transformation. How has God's word acted like a “mirror” in your own life—showing you something that needed to change or be surrendered? How did you respond?  
⇒ *Potential Follow-Up Question(s): When God's word shows you something hard or uncomfortable, what's your first reaction—defensiveness, denial, repentance or something else? Why? How does it feel knowing that the same word that might confront us also heal and restore us?*

4. In verses 26 to 27, James connects belief to tangible acts of love and compassion, highlighting the gospel's call to serve others as we've been served in Christ. What might it look like for your faith to become more visible this week by demonstrating God's mercy to those in need?  
⇒ *Potential Follow-Up Question(s): Who are those people in your home, workplace, neighborhood, or community who are often overlooked or forgotten? What often holds us back from moving towards people who are hurting or in need?*
5. As you think about this passage as a whole, what is one way you might sense God inviting you to grow in authenticity this week in your pursuit to receive God's word and reflect his mercy?  
⇒ *Potential Follow-Up Question(s): None.*

## Prayer

*Leader's Note: Wrap up your time by moving into prayer. Begin by inviting group members to share any requests, especially in light of the categories listed below. When someone shares, ask if another person would be willing to pray for that request. Then open the group prayer time by asking someone to start and encourage others to pray as they feel led. When it seems like the time is drawing to a close, finish by thanking God for His Word and for the time you've had together.*

- **Word – Praying in Response to God's Word**  
*What truths or applications stood out from our discussion, and how can we pray for one another in light of what God has shown us through His Word?*
- **Heart – Praying for “Heart-Level” Concerns**  
*Because real change begins in the heart, how can we pray for one another where trusting God feels hard or where walking closely with Him is a struggle?*
- **Life – Praying for Personal Requests**  
*What personal needs, burdens, or situations would you like prayer for this week?*
- **Church – Praying for Our Church and Its Mission**  
*What are some things happening in our church and through our church that we can be praying for together?*
- **World – Praying for People You're Minister To and Those in Need**  
*Who in your life doesn't yet know Jesus, and how can we pray for them—and for your opportunities to love and share the gospel with them? Who in your life is in need of prayer, encouragement, or care, and how can we lift them up together this week?*