

# DIGGING DEEPER

Week 5: James 1:19-27

Our fall groups are continuing to explore our series: This is Essential! This week Pastor Tim challenged us to look intently into our lives and examine whether we are hearers or doers of the word. He challenged all of us to look for opportunities to become the people we were designed to be.

## OPEN

As you open your group, have each participant share a change, a comfort, or a call that they believe God is trying to bring into their lives.

## DISCUSS

**Opening Questions:** What is something from this past week you are proud of?

1. Who talks the most in your life? What is your go to tactic for getting out of a tough conversation?
2. What does it mean to "do what it says?" How much do you incorporate scriptural rules into your life? How do you know which rules to follow?
3. Is it possible to follow Jesus without imitating and obeying him? What do you do to be more like Jesus?
4. Read through verses 26-27 again. Why is this critical for all believers to read and practice?
5. How does obeying God and his word help you to become the person God intended you to be?

## CLOSE

As you close, ask the people in your group to make an "obedience action statement." This is a simple practice that gives them a way to focus on obeying the word this week. It can be something like, "I will help feed the hungry this week," or "I will love my neighbor this week." Then, after everyone who would like to offer a statement has gone, pray over these statements. As their group leader, if you feel up to it, make a statement reflecting your desire to connect with them individually this week (via phone or meet up).

### THE SOAP BIBLE STUDY METHOD

#### **S**CRPTURE

Work through the text slowly getting a picture of the entire context.

#### **O**BSEVATION

What observations do you see in the narrative or events?

#### **A**PPPLICATION

How do you think this applied to people contextually and today?

#### **P**RAYER

Ask God to use what you've read to deepen your relationship with him.

