

Steadfast in Action

SMALL GROUP NOTES

Martin Segal, 17th February 2013

Introduction

Sunday saw Martin continue our Steadfast Series working through the book of James, we focused in on the specific topic of being Steadfast in Action.

Overview

We journeyed through the passage looking at 2 keys to help us be a people of steadfast action, the first was looking at the internal Action and the second was looking at the external action. For many of us frustratingly James spends the majority of this passage looking at the internal, emphasising the truth that God cares more about our attitudes than our actions. We saw that James encourages us to be those that are self-controlled, in 3 key ways, Being Quick to Hear, Slow to Speak and Slow to anger. He then moved into showing us we need to hold a correct view of ourselves if we are to step out in the mission God has called us to we need to be those that have a correct view of ourselves, fallen and broken but redeemed by Christ. Then finally he contrasted the external action done out of the wrong heart that can't control the tongue and deceives their own heart and the external action that flows from a right heart that will care for the poor and needy.

Scriptures

James 1:19-27

Questions

1. In which ways do you think you need to grow in self- control? Focus in on the 3 examples James gives us.
2. How can we individually and corporately grow in receiving the Implanted Word with Meekness.
3. What change has God brought in your life over the last month?
4. How can we as a Small Group live out v27 and care for the needy and vulnerable in our Church, City and beyond? (Below is a list of current projects we as Church are involved in, perhaps you want to get involved or start something new)
 - Coffee and Chaos – Mums and Toddler Group
 - Canterbury Debt Advice Centre – Offering Financial advice for those in debt
 - Food bank – providing food for families in crisis
 - Street Pastors – Caring for those on Nightclub
 - Alpha – Caring for the Spiritual Needy
 - Healing on the Streets – Praying for the physical, emotional and mental hurting
 - Global Café – Caring for international students
 - Deaf links – Caring for the deaf community