

Hearing & Doing

Week 2 | James 1:19-2:26

James is a letter to the scattered church, encouraging them to live out their faith in unity in the midst of uncertainty for the **glory** of God.

Gospel Communities are a place where the context of family is cultivated and the content of the gospel is nurtured for the sake of spiritual growth and multiplication.

These communities are designed to foster a family-like environment through the means of eating together, praying for each other, and sharing our lives with one another.

At the same time, Gospel Communities are purposefully centered on the gospel, as it is the gospel that provides all measures of growth. Therefore, as you read the passage of Scripture, be sure to note how this text connects with the rest of the Bible and points to the good news of Jesus Christ.

BEFORE YOU START

Pray for God to illuminate his word, guide the conversation, and stir our souls.

On a scale of 1-10, how confident are you that you would go to heaven if you died right now? Why?

Have someone read **James 1:19-2:26**.



Read Ephesians 2:8-10. How can this and James 2:17 be true? For what purpose does James point to the importance of good works? What is James *not* saying?



Martin Luther once said "if you see yourself as a little sinner, you will inevitably see Jesus as a little savior." How does the recognition that you are guilty of breaking the whole law affect how you see your salvation?



What from the Bible has the Lord been convicting you to do recently? How easy has obedience to that been for you? Why?



Are there any discrepancies between your words and your works? How can you take steps towards a more holistically unified faith this week?

BEFORE YOU'RE SENT

What is God teaching you? What are you going to do about it? How can we help?

How can we pray for you? For your neighbors?