



Note: Please be sure to start groups on time and enter right into discussion. It would be best if your group made it all the way through the guide.

Welcome: What is your favorite summer activity?

Worship: Prepare your hearts. Have a member choose a worship song or a favorite Psalm.

Word: Read *James 1:19-27*

- Why, would you say, is humility essential in our approach to God?
- Describe a time when you found it difficult to "humbly accept the word being planted in you"?
- How did this eventually work out? (Was the message received or rejected and what were the positive or negative consequences of that?)
- Why do you think it is easier to submit to God's Word, receive correction & instruction, when we feel weak rather than when we feel strong?
- What gives you the courage to look intently into His word and risk being personally exposed as He exposes Himself to you?
- Share if you are you willing to accept the responsibility of knowing God's will? Why or why not? (Obedience) Read *Romans 12:1-2*

Read: *Matthew 25:31-46*

- Where are you in terms of ministering to the poor? (Attitude & action)

Witness: Pray for opportunities to minister and share the love of God. Discuss ways that we can, as a group, reach out and share God's love.

Looking Ahead: Read *James 2*