

# JAMES - OVERVIEW - PETER CUNNINGHAM

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## -----DISCUSSION-----

- Who has read the entire letter of James before?
- Have you ever read the Bible and really struggled to know how it connects to your life?
- *Do you remember the word that Peter used to describe the theology taught in James?*
- *Do you find this hopeful for your life in getting direction from God's word?*
- In the five short chapters of James, topics like: trials, money, words, favoritism, fighting, pride, planning, and prayer are written about...
  - Does it surprise you that a book of the bible would address so many common areas of your life, today?
  - Of these 'topics', which do you find most relevant to your life today and why?
- Peter stated that the thematic purpose of James was "FOR BELIEVERS TO LIVE OUT THEIR FAITH IN CONCRETE WAYS AND TO DEMONSTRATE THE MATURITY THAT TRUE FAITH BRINGS."
- What does it look like to live out your faith? (at school, at home, hanging out with friends)
- When do you think 'maturity' in your faith will come? (*...is it a process? Is there an end to maturity?*)
- Someone read James 1:25 (*"But if you look carefully into the perfect law that sets you free, and if you do what it says and don't forget what you heard, then God will bless you for doing it."*)
- By keeping this verse in the front of your mind how can it help you in being a believer that lives out your faith?
- What's going to be required of you to 'do what it says'?
- What's necessary for you to do, to '(not) forget what you heard'?