

weekly guide

james: a faith that works – week 2
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Talking through the weekly message helps you turn information into application. These talking points, questions, and scriptures are designed to help you make the next move.

City Group Icebreaker: *Questions to Get You Talking*

- What do you do when you look in the mirror? What things stand out to you? What does looking in a mirror cause you to do?

Key Scriptures: But prove yourselves doers of the word, and not merely hearers who delude themselves. **James 1:22**

Big Idea of the Message: Temptation is the beginning of the sin process.

Message Study: The Essential Inductive Questions

- How did God speak to you in the passage? What does this passage mean?
- What is God telling me? How am I encouraged and strengthened?
- Is there a sin in my life for which confession and repentance is needed?
- How can I be changed so I can learn and grow?
- What is in the way of these precepts affecting me? What is in the way of my listening to God?
- How does this apply to me? What will I do about it?
- What can I model and teach? What does God want me to share with someone?

Start Thinking.

- Why do you think it's so difficult to resist temptation?
- Have you ever felt the rewarding feeling of resisting your temptation? Did it help with the next time you were tempted?
- How have you struggled with temptations? How can this passage help focus you on the priority that Christ can and will fill you with Himself so that you will not even be interested in worldly desires?
- The one temptation that all will fail at is the loss of hope! What can you do to have the mindset and faith to know more in-depth about never losing your confidence of the hope of Christ in you (1 Pet. 1:3, 21)?

Start Sharing.

- According to verse 21, what should we get rid of? What is included in the description?
- What does it look like to "accept the word"?
- Are you a doer of the Word? Imagine if a non-believer looked at your life over the past week. What would they think is of primary importance to you? Is your belief in Jesus evident in the way you live?
- James 1:22 is the central point of the Book of James. Even though this verse is direct and self-explanatory, how would you rephrase it yourself?

Start Praying. Thank God for the good and perfect gifts he has given to us. Pray that we would seek God in times of trial, remembering that they help produce perseverance and wholeness in our lives.

Application Point: Self-control in the midst of temptation will keep us from sin.

next moves

Connect To Culture

Remind yourself of all the good and perfect gifts God has given you. Start a blessing journal and list ways God has blessed you. Keep it going and when you face a trial, refer back to your blessings.

Movement News

- **SUPPORT THE MOVEMENT:** God has given so generously to us. In response, let's give generously to God's work through this church movement. Text GIVE and the AMOUNT to **84321** (ex. GIVE 100). *Your tax-deductible gift helps us fulfill our mission, and move the ministry of Movement Church.*
- No matter where you come from, there's a group for you. Join or start an MTG and experience how the gospel can transform your life. A MTG is made up of two or three people, all of the same gender, who meet weekly for personal accountability for their spiritual growth and development. There are only two suggested qualification for starting or joining a MTG:
 1. A desperate need for Jesus (Luke 5:29-32).
 2. Faithfulness in the process itself (2 Tim. 2:2).

To join or start a (MTG), email info@movementchurch.tv

movement transformation groups

Movement Transformation Groups (MTG's) are a simple way to release the most essential elements of a vital spiritual walk to people who need Jesus to change their lives from the inside out. We want to see people experience life change, support one another through the challenges of life, as well as pray and care for one another. (MTG's) empower the common Christian to accomplish the uncommon work of reproducing spiritual disciples who can in turn reproduce others.

Only three tasks are to be accomplished in a (MTG):

- Sin is confessed in mutual accountability.
- Scripture is read repetitively in context and in community.
- Souls are prayed for strategically, specifically, and continuously

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MTG Weekly:

Here are several Biblical reasons why a smaller unit of two or three is better than a larger group when it comes to making and multiplying disciples:

1. **Community** (Eccl. 4:9-12): Life change does not occur in a vacuum; it happens in relationship with others. From the beginning God has said that it is not good to be alone. We need each other for strength and support (Prov. 27:17).
2. **Accountability** (1Tim. 5:19): Few things would get done in life without some degree of accountability. The New Testament lists at least twenty-eight "one another" commands. There's no doubt we need one another to live the life Christ intends for us.
3. **Confidentiality** (Matt. 18:15-17): It is easier to maintain confidentiality in a group of only two or three rather than a larger group of ten or twelve. The Lord specifically designated that two or three is best for the confession of sin.
4. **Flexibility** (Matt. 18:20): It is much easier to coordinate the calendars of only two or three rather than a typical small group of fifteen. A MTG can meet anywhere!
5. **Reproducibility** (2 Tim. 2:2): It is easier to reproduce a smaller, simpler group than a larger and more complex entity. Perhaps that is why The Lord commanded us to make more disciples rather than cells groups or churches (Matt. 28:18-20). Transformed disciples in community are the base unit for the kingdom of God.

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