

MAKING

FAITH

WORK

JAMES 2:17

HEARING & DOING THE WORD

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1. **Intro:** Without using names to avoid gossip, describe a time when you observed someone, perhaps especially a Christian, whose activity did not match up with their identity. How did that affect you?
2. **Read James 1:18.** Why do you think it is important to understand our new identity in Christ before considering our new activity of hearing and doing the word?
3. **Read James 1:19-21.** How would you describe the relationship between humility, listening, anger, and receiving the word, and how does that convict or challenge you?
4. **Read James 1:21-25.**
 - a. What motivation does James give for being a doer of the word and not a hearer only, and how does that inspire you personally to want to grow in your engagement with the word?
 - b. What practical difference should knowing that the goal is to be a doer of the word make in your approach to the word? How does that compare and/or contrast to your typical motivation for engaging with the word?
 - c. What is a practical step you can take to grow in hearing and doing the word this week?

QUESTIONS FOR KIDS

1. **Read James 1:19.** What should we be slow to do? What should we be quick to do? Why?
2. **Read James 1:22.** What is the difference between hearing the word of God and hearing the word of God and doing what it says?
3. Pray and ask God to make you hungry for His word!