



Life in Crisis: Live Out The Gospel

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Small Group Discussion Questions

Getting Started

Take some time to catch up and connect as a group. Pray before discussion. Expect God to move through your time together!

Pacing Your Group

Move quickly through “observation” leaving enough time for “reflection”, “discussion”, and “surrender.”

Scripture Reading

Re-read the scripture passages as needed when you discuss the questions.

Observation: *What does this scripture passage say?*

Read: James 1: 19-27

1. What communication skills and attitudes does James amplify? (v19-27)
2. What coaching does James give regarding the word? (v21-25)
3. How does James define religion that is pure and undefiled (faultless)? (v27)

Reflection and Discussion: *What are some first thoughts flowing from the scriptures?*

Talk together about how the scriptures connect to everyday life.

4. Why do you think James places emphasis on listening over speaking? How might this apply when our egos are hurt, when we lose an argument, or when we feel offended or neglected... when we're angry?
5. In the first century, orphans and widows had very little means of economic support. Unless a family member was willing to care for them, they were reduced to begging, selling themselves as slaves, or starving. By caring for powerless people, the church puts God's Word into practice. Who are the “modern day widows and orphans”? How should the modern church put this principle into action?
6. Where do you see Christ's ethical and moral system coming into conflict with the morals and ethics of our culture?
7. Our experience during this COVID-19 pandemic seems to change daily. Who are you most concerned for right now? After each person shares, pray as a group.

Surrender: Responding to God's voice.

8. What is one thing God is saying to you through this study and discussion?

**** Take some time to pray for one another in response to what has been discussed today ****

We're here!

We would love to hear about how things are going in your small group!

Reach out any time with questions, ideas, thoughts, or concerns.

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