

**James: Faith in Action**  
*Hearing and Doing the Word*  
**James 1:19-27**

**TALK IT OVER**

**Passages**

*“19 Know this, my beloved brothers: let every person be quick to hear, slow to speak, slow to anger; 20 for the anger of man does not produce the righteousness of God. 21 Therefore put away all filthiness and rampant wickedness and receive with meekness the implanted word, which is able to save your souls. 22 But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves. 23 For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man who looks intently at his natural face in a mirror. 24 For he looks at himself and goes away and at once forgets what he was like. 25 But the one who looks into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and perseveres, being no hearer who forgets but a doer who acts, he will be blessed in his doing. 26 If anyone thinks he is religious and does not bridle his tongue but deceives his heart, this person's religion is worthless. 27 Religion that is pure and undefiled before God the Father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their affliction, and to keep oneself unstained from the world.” – Book 1:14 (ESV)*

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**Start Talking: Find an announcement or mission for your group. (15 Min)**

- When is our next outreach party?
- February 12: Super Bowl Party - Invite some unchurched friends or friends/neighbors that are disconnected
- Feb. 22: Attend Ash Wednesday as a Life Group
- If the preacher had to give an abbreviated version of last weekend's message, what two points or ideas would you tell him to include on the matter?

**Head: Start Thinking about the Text. Ask a question to get your group thinking. (10 Min)**

- The sermon text was James 1:19-27 and can be found on the left-hand side. To keep the study fresh please read Matthew 7:21-28 in your Bible for your life group's main text.
- Why will some who call out “Lord, Lord,” be told by Jesus, “I never knew you”?
- What is the relationship between Faith and Works?

**Heart: Start Sharing how the Text is shaping our beliefs. Choose a question to create openness. (10 Min)**

- How do you live out your faith? What holds you back sometimes from being a doer of the Word?
- Who is someone you know that lived out their faith well? What did they do to inspire you?

**Hands: Start living the Text. Commit to believing or obeying the text this week. (10 Min)**

- How will you be a doer of the Word?
- To do the Word you should know the Word. Make a reading plan for your bible to help you be in scripture every day.

**Start Praying. Be bold and pray with power. (15 Min)**

- For suggestions on structuring prayer time, see the *Group Prayer Ideas* page in this packet.

**Trios: Split into same-gender groups of three. Pick a question. (15 Min)**

1. Who is one non-believer or someone without a church home that you need to reach out to this week?
2. What kind of conversations are you having with people you are reaching out to?
3. Is there anything God is leading you to repent of?
4. What's a passage of scripture that has impacted you this week? Read it to the group and explain why.
5. What's something you'd like someone else to check in with you about this week?
6. Pray for one another.