

TAKE HOME SHEET



Series: I'm Glad You Said That Message: What Do You Think?

Speaker: Rusty Coram
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How do you feel when someone asks your opinion and seems to genuinely listen to your response?

What makes asking "What do you think?" difficult, painful, or hard?

Slowly read James 1:19-27. What words or phrases stand out to you about your relationship with God? Others?

Can you think of a situation where you jumped to a conclusion? Could asking this question have prevented a problem or mistake?

Is there someone in your life (home, work, school, neighborhood, extended family) that you believe God is nudging you to reach out to using a variation of this question?

What will you do this week to apply what you have discovered?

BIBLE TRANSLATIONS:

NLT – New Living Translation



MESSAGE NOTES



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So far in our series, we've looked at two important statements that, when used well, can build and repair our relationships:

"I was wrong, please forgive me."

"Is there anything you need?"

Our statement this week is four words:

<u>"What do you think?"</u>

Our model for this is **Jesus**.

Good questions help us <u>learn</u>, <u>grow</u>, and <u>avoid problems</u>.

Good questions help us and others see things we <u>would have missed</u>.

Good questions help build <u>respect</u>, <u>understanding</u>, <u>humility</u>, and <u>genuine</u> <u>friendship</u>. This applies to our relationship <u>with God</u> as well as <u>with others</u>.

¹⁹ Understand this, my dear brothers and sisters: You must all be quick to listen, slow to speak, and slow to get angry. 20 Human anger does not produce the righteousness God desires. ²¹ So get rid of all the filth and evil in your lives, and humbly accept the word God has planted in your hearts, for it has the power to save your souls. ²² But don't just listen to God's word. You must do what it says. Otherwise, you are only fooling vourselves. 23 For if you listen to the word and don't obey, it is like glancing at your face in a mirror. 24 You see yourself, walk away, and forget what you look like. 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. ²⁶ If you claim to be religious but don't control your tongue, you are fooling yourself, and your religion is worthless. ²⁷ Pure and genuine religion in the sight of God the Father means caring for orphans and widows in their distress and refusing to let the world corrupt you.

James 1:19-27 (NLT)