



# COMMUNITY GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE

Week of 8/18/24

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## Opener (10 minutes or less)

If you could create your own personal holiday, what would it be called and how would you celebrate it?

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## DISCUSSION (50 minutes or less)

*Begin your discussion time in prayer.*

**Scripture Reading: James 1:19-27**

Questions:

1. What stands out to you from this passage and/or Sunday's teaching? What was new, challenging, or encouraging?
  2. The passage emphasizes being quick to listen and slow to speak. In what areas of your life do you struggle with this? How can you intentionally practice better listening?
  3. Anger is a natural emotion, but how can we manage it in a godly way? What are some practical steps to control anger in your life?
  4. How are we tempted to deviate from God's standards? What specific areas do you need to be more vigilant about?
  5. James calls us to care for orphans and widows. How can we practically live out this command in our community?
  6. What does it mean to be a "doer of the word" rather than just a hearer? How can we bridge the gap between our faith and our actions?
  7. What does "pure and undefiled religion" look like in practice? How can we measure our own spiritual lives against this standard?
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## PERSONAL (30 minutes or less)

1. Oikos - the 8 to 15 people God supernaturally and strategically places in your life. Any oikos moments you would like to share..
2. What is going on in your life (note prayer requests and praise reports)
3. Pray

James 1:19-27

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.