

Series: FaithWorks  
Sermon: Forgetful Hearers/Useful Doers  
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1. When you hear someone preach or teach, what posture does your mind and the heart have toward the teaching and preaching?

- A. I usually prepare my mind and heart to be open to be shaped by God.
- B. I am primarily interested as to whether the speaker is doing a good job or not.
- C. I usually don't do anything to prepare my heart and mind.

2. How many sermons do you think you have listen to in your lifetime?

3. Of all the sermons that you have listen to, do you remember any of the specifics (speaker, main point, etc.) from any of them?

4. Read James 1:18–27.

- A. What does it mean to you to know that you are "God's prized possession above all creation"? (vs. 18)
- B. Why do you think James uses the metaphor of a mirror in vs. 22-24?
- C. Paul addresses some specific issues where believers where hearing and doing are not matching up. Read vs. 20, 21 and 26. Why do you think he highlights these areas?

5. Most studies show that there is not a difference in the way Christians and non-Christians are living their lives. Why do you think there is not a visible difference?

6. Do you like looking into a mirror? What do you think God wants you to see when we look into "His" mirror?

- A. Read Isaiah 43:1-4.
- B. Psalm 1:1-3.

7. One of the suggestions for being a useful doer was to look intently at God's Word. What does it mean to look "intently"?

8. Why do you think James ends this section on hearing and doing by writing verse 27?

9. Do you lean more toward being a forgetful hearer or a useful doer? What is one step you can take toward being a useful doer?