



A Study of James

Week Three ③ 9/21 – 9/27: James 1:19-27

Faith Test: Doing the Word



ENGAGE: Meet, Greet, Eat and Relax



EMBRACE:

- **③ Video** – Ruth Ann Hendershott
- **Questions:**
 1. Ask a question from ice breakers level II (communication) and give everyone in the group a chance to share their answer.
 2. Talk about ways your group can help to engage people new to the Journey.
 3. Review and discuss the homework from week 2.



EQUIP:

- **Sing Together:**

- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=52LIC1VtgRc>
("Build Your Kingdom Here" Rend Collective Experiment)
- https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gSj3ZH5pE_o
("We Believe" Newsboys)

- **Read Together:**

- Read James 1:19-27

- **Reading Questions:**

1. Which do you struggle with most:
 - a. Listening
 - b. (Not) Speaking
 - c. Anger
2. How have you been challenged to not just be a hearer but a doer of God's word?
3. What opportunities do we have to visit, care for, and encourage orphans and widows in our church, and in our community?

- **Scripture Connections:**

1. This week what can you DO that you have already HEARD from God's word?
2. This week how will you reach out to an orphan and/or widow?

- **Pray Together:**

- The Lord's Prayer
- AND/OR**
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=t01Zn-DrHwc>
("Our Father" Hillsong Worship)

- **Homework:**

1. Anger can get the best of us. Once angry all we want to do is to retaliate, get even, or seek justice. How do the following verses help you understand that you gain the most by letting go of anger?

Ephesians 4:29, Isaiah 30:18, Luke 6:37

2. Conflict is something “even Christians” cannot avoid. It’s also something that can get blown out of proportion and distorted if not handled with the guidelines and principles that God gives us. What do the following verses teach us about how to handle conflict in healthy ways?

Proverbs 15:1, Galatians 6:1-5, Romans 12:9

3. Make a list of 5 things that make you angry (irritated, bitter, annoyed) and describe why those things bother you. Then read the following scriptures and write down how they could help you with the things that make you angry.

Galatians 5:16-18, Leviticus 19:18, Mark 11:25

4. The Bible plays a huge role in our being blessed. The following passages reveal the positive impact the Bible has on our lives when we are responsive to God’s word.

- a. Read the passages and make a list of the benefits we gain by “Doing The Word”. **Psalm 1, Psalm 19:7-11, Psalm 119:97-104**
- b. Which of these benefits have you experienced?
- c. Which one of these benefits is most motivational to you?
- d. What changes should you make to experience more of these benefits?

5. The first step to experiencing God’s blessing is to clean out the crud. What issue of disobedience in your life needs cleaned up so you can grow spiritually?

6. One of the signs of true religion that pleases God is helping the helpless. Read the following verses and make a list of ways you can help the helpless.

Proverbs 14:31, Proverbs 22:9, Proverbs 28:27, Proverbs 29:7, 1 Corinthians 13:3.