Home Group Questions
James 1:22-27

1. What does James instruct us to do in verse 22? What is the difference between hearing the Word and doing the Word? Why does James say it is self-deceptive to only listen and not do what the Word says (1 Sam. 15:22)? Is faith more than knowledge and even belief? In what way?

2. In verses 23-24, James describes the Word as a mirror. What is the mirror of Scripture supposed to reflect? How should this mirror be used? What is the problem with using the mirror of the Word passively? What will be the result in your life and relationship with God if you only passively use the Word?

3. What is the perfect law of liberty in verse 25? Is there a difference between this and the Old Testament Law (Jer. 31:31-33)? How does living according to law provide freedom and liberty?

4. In verse 25, James describes the difference between being a hearer and a doer of the Word. What is the difference? According to this verse, what is required in order to “keep on becoming a doer of the Word?” What is the promised result of doing the Word?

5. What are the 2 main categories of American Christians in the church today? What is the problem with being a hearer of the Word only? What about being a doer only? Why is it so important to be both a hearer and a doer of the Word? How can you improve in both areas? How can we as a church do better in these 2 areas?

6. What is the difference between pure religion and worthless religion in verses 26-27? Is it possible to intentionally listen to only some of what Scripture says and still be a faithful Christian? What does “pure” religion look like (1 Cor. 10:31)? Is this possible to ever achieve?