

JAMES

FAITH WORKS

Hearing and Doing

Discussion Guide

February 10, 2019

James 1:19-27

Questions for Study

** Before you begin, please read James 1:19-27 as a group.

1. Briefly share any experience you've had of talking to someone, but it was evident they weren't really listening to you. What made it clear they weren't listening? How did that make you feel?
2. Why is listening well so important? What does listening well convey to others?
3. How can you grow as a good listener?
4. This passage also talks about listening well to the Bible, God's Word. According to James 1:22-25, how do you know if you're "listening well" to the Bible?
5. Read 2 Timothy 3:16-17. How should knowing who the Bible is **from** influence how you listen to it?
6. Also from 2 Timothy 3:16-17, what stands out to you about what the Bible **does**?
7. In James 1:18 James calls God's Word "the word of **truth**." In James 1:25, James uses the language of "the **perfect** law that gives **freedom**." How should these descriptions of the Bible's message influence the way you approach it?
8. "The word of God not only expects obedience, the message of the Bible (the gospel) empowers obedience." How does the gospel empower the obedience that God asks of us?
9. Share any specific ways truth from the Bible has directly impacted how you act. (In other words, what difference has God's Word made in your life?)
10. Read James 1:26-27. In what specific ways can you be a "doer of the Word" in the areas these verses bring up?
11. Are there specific steps of obedience you need take this coming week, to be a "doer" of the Word? Share these with your group and pray together about these things.
12. **Challenge:** Memorize James 1:22: "Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says."