

Living the Way: A study of the book of James
January 25, 2026 Discussion Guide
Scripture reading: James 1:19-27

CHECK UP:

*Memory Work: each person is tempted when they are dragged away by their own evil desire and enticed. - James 1:14

*How did you fight your evil desires this past week and/or trust God with the ways of your life?

OPEN:

- What was a highlight in your week this past week? What was a particular challenge you had?
- How did you mature individually, hold on to another believer, or go make an impact this past week?

READ and DISCUSS: James 1:19-27

- If you had to summarize the main point of these verses, how would you do it?
- What makes it hard for us to be good listeners?
- What attitudes and habits can stunt our growth as followers of Jesus?
- What makes it hard for us to practice what we know to be good and right?
- How does our speech reflect our relationship with God?
- Why is taking care of the vulnerable, especially within our church, so important?

APPLY:

- How have you experienced freedom by "doing" the Word of God?
- In what ways can we be polluted by the world?
 - o How do we combat that?

- Of all the instructions about receiving the word and obeying it in this passage, which one challenges you most?
- How do you think we can become a church who is determined to not "merely listen to the word, but do what it says"?
 - o NEXT STEP: What do you need to change in your actions this week to match your talk?

Memory Work:

Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says.

- James 1:22

Next Week's Reading:

James 2:1-13