

Small Group Bible Study

James Week 2

Main Theme

This week in James we are confronted with the difference between hearing the Word and actually living it out. James reminds us that faith was never meant to be passive, real belief produces real obedience. The question we have to wrestle with is simple but uncomfortable: are we just listening to Jesus, or are we truly following Him?

Opening Prayer

Lord, thank You for Your Word. Give us open hearts and the courage to obey what You show us today. Amen.

ICEBREAKER QUESTION

- What is something you know you should do but tend to put off? Why?

SCRIPTURE STUDY

Read James James 1:22-25

- In verse 22, what does James say happens if someone only listens and does not obey?
- What image does James use in verses 23-24 to describe someone who hears but does not act?
- According to verse 25, what characterizes the person who is blessed?
- What do you notice about the verbs in verse 25? What actions are emphasized?
- Why do you think James calls Scripture “the perfect law that gives freedom”?
- Where in your life are you tempted to settle for hearing instead of doing?

2. Read Luke 6:46-49

- What is the difference between the wise builder and the foolish builder?
- What happens when the storm comes for each house?
- According to this passage, what proves whether someone truly follows Jesus?
- Why do you think Jesus connects obedience with foundation?
- What “storm” has tested your foundation before? What did it reveal?
- How does this passage reinforce James 1:22-25?

2. Read Titus 2:11-14

- What does grace bring according to verse 11?
- What does grace teach or train us to do in verses 12-13?
- How does verse 14 describe the kind of people Jesus is forming?
- What is the difference between trying harder and being trained by grace?
- Where might you be confusing guilt with grace?
- How does this passage protect us from turning James into moralism?

SERMON RECAP QUESTIONS

- Where in your life are you hearing God's Word but delaying obedience?
- When Scripture confronts something in you, do you tend to submit to it or justify yourself?
- What is one specific area where following Jesus would require active obedience instead of passive agreement?
- If someone looked at your life this week, what evidence would they see that your faith is active?

APPLICATION QUESTIONS

- Identify one specific area where Scripture has convicted you recently and take one concrete step of obedience.
- Replace one passive spiritual habit with an active one, such as praying immediately when prompted instead of later.
- Ask a trusted believer to hold you accountable to one area of obedience.

CLOSING PRAYER

Jesus, help us not just to hear Your Word but to live it. Give us strength to follow You this week. Amen.