

Listening and Living Discussion Questions

James 1:19-27

1. Why is it not enough just to hear the Word? Why is it important to put it into practice?
2. How do you put into practice what you have heard from God's Word?
3. Read James 1:19-20. Why is it important to be quick to listen and slow to speak and slow to anger? What happens when we speak before we listen and we get angry quickly?
4. Read James 1:21. What does "filthiness and rampant wickedness" mean? How do we "put away" these things?
5. What does implant mean? How do we have the Word implanted in us?
6. Read James 1:22-25. What is the difference between a doer of the Word and a hearer of the Word?
7. What do you think of a person who would look in a mirror, saw everything was a mess, and walked away without fixing anything? How is this like a person who just hears the Word and does nothing with what he heard?
8. How do we "deceive ourselves" by just listening to the Word?
9. Do you think it is "worthless" to hear God's Word without doing it? Why or why not?
10. In what way is the law "a law of liberty?"
11. Why does the doer of the Word get blessed?
12. Read James 1:26. How is James using the term religion in verse 26? What is the difference in verse 27?
13. Why is a person's "religion" worthless if he doesn't control what he says?
14. What does it mean "to bridle" your tongue? Why is controlling our tongue connected to "religion?"
15. Read James 1:27. What does visiting the orphans and widows have to do with "pure religion?"
16. What does James mean "to be unstained by the world?" How do we accomplish this?
17. How are you taking care of orphans and widows?
18. What do you need to put into practice from what you have heard from the Word today?