



Notes

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Wisdom to Live By—A Study in James

Group Discussion Questions

Read **James 1:19-27**

Verses 19-21

Share about a time when you have been slow to listen, quick to speak, or quick to become angry. How did that go for you?

James sets up slow listening, quick talking, and rapid anger as the opposite of humility. How does it show humility when you don't talk, but listen and control your anger?

Verses 22-25

This passage says that we look at ourselves in a mirror so that we can change how we look when we need to. We can allow the mirror to help change us. We must look at the Bible the same way and give it the authority to shape us. Do you think the Bible is fully true? What parts do you struggle with? Why?

This passage also tells us that when we surrender to the authority of Scripture, we find freedom and blessing. How have you experienced this personally or seen this in the life of someone you know? What does James mean by "freedom" and how is it different than what we often think freedom means?

Verses 26-27

James closes this section by connecting our listening with our care for the most vulnerable and powerless in our world. Who is a person this passage might be asking you to listen to more humbly?

One-on-One Through James Questions

What do you see when you look in the mirror of scripture? Is there anything you're afraid to look at? What blessing does God want to give you in doing what it says?

What keeps you going fast? Where might you slow down this week? What do you want to accomplish by being slow (in speaking and anger)?