

GROWTH GUIDE

For you. Your family. Your group.

THE BOOK OF JAMES
HEARING AND DOING | JAMES 1:19-27
FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 25, 2022

SERMON OUTLINE

1. Receive the Word of God. James 1:19-21
2. Respond to the Word of God. James 1:22-25
3. Three examples of response. James 1:26-27

GROUP DISCUSSION

1. Looking back at the passage and your notes, is there anything you heard for the first time or something that caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?
2. Check for understanding: How does failing to be quick to hear, slow to speak, and slow to anger (v19) inhibit receiving God's word? Why are we inclined to be quick to speak and slow to hear?
3. Is anger ever good? Why or why not? If so, how can you tell the difference between righteous and sinful anger? Tying it together with last week, what are some potential desires or goals that could drive sinful anger?
4. How do we deceive ourselves by merely hearing the word (v22)? What are some things we can do to help us apply the word to our life whether it's truth from a sermon, reading the Bible on our own, etc.?
5. We like to swing a pendulum and overemphasize either legalism or grace. What are the symptoms of an unhealthy focus on the law? What about an unhealthy focus on grace without law? How would passages like Romans 2:13 and Ephesians 2:8 put grace and righteousness together and practically live that out in our own lives?

BREAKOUT DISCUSSION

1. How are you doing at ministering to/caring for the least of these in your life? Do you feel like you have opportunities or need to seek them out more? If you have opportunities, how do you respond when opportunities come?
2. Read Mathew 7:24-27 together. What areas of life do you feel like you've done well at doing God's word and experience the steadiness that comes with that? What are those areas of your life that when troubles come, aren't as steady and need some more work? What can you do about it?

PRAYER POINTS

1. Praise God for 5 years as a church and doing ministry together. Pray that City on a Hill would be here long after we're all gone, still ministering to the Madison area.
2. Pray that City on a Hill would witness to the world in part by caring for the least of these.
3. Ask God to help us to be quick to hear, slow to speak, and slow to anger.