



CONVERSATION STARTER

What's something you know you should do consistently... but just don't? (Exercise? Text someone back? Go to bed earlier? Change the air filter?)

Why is the gap between knowing and doing so common in everyday life, and why might that gap be spiritually dangerous?

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NOTE: This would be a good time to reflect on how group members are doing in their memorization of James 1 if you've accepted the challenge together.

Read James 1:21-25

1. Repentance means turning away from something and faith means turning toward something, or Someone. In your current season, what is God inviting you to turn away from? What would actively turning toward Christ look like in that same area?
2. James says we must receive the Word with meekness (gentleness, humility). What does a proud posture toward Scripture look like? What does a meek posture look like practically?
3. Pastor Josh said there are some ways to test the genuineness of our faith. Though not a foolproof test, a test that is good to measure ourselves against is our discipleship process.

Worship:

How regularly are you worshipping with your faith family?

Is worship a priority for you and your family?

What other activities easily keep you from gathering with us for worship?

What would happen if the rest of us imitated your worship attendance? Would we be attending more or less than we already are?

Connect:

How often are you attending your Life Group AND coming prepared?

How are you caring for your Life Group members?

Serve:

Are you serving your fellow church members?

What would happen if the rest of us imitated our serving? Would we be serving each other more or less than we already are?

Go:

How are you going?

If you're physically unable to go, how are you supporting those who are going?

If overseas mission work isn't your thing, how are you serving with our local partners here in Findlay?

4. If someone lovingly pointed out inconsistency in your life, how do you instinctively respond? What does that reveal?
5. James calls the gospel the “law of liberty.” How has obedience to God and his Word brought freedom in your life?
6. Where do you still struggle to believe obedience leads to freedom?
7. If this passage truly shaped our entire church culture, what would change?
8. What else from the sermon lingered with you this week? What questions or thoughts did it stir up?

NOTES

GROUP PRAYER

Go around in a circle and have each person complete this sentence in prayer.

“Lord, help me obey you this week in _____.” Be specific, allowing it to flow from what God has shown you from this passage.