Sermon Based Study Questions

“*Just Do It*”: James 1:13-27

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Please read James 1:13-27 together.

1. (v. 13) Of course, none of us have ever had to struggle with temptation!!! What do you think is going on inside people who want to blame God for tempting them? What emotions, past experiences, or inner needs might tend to drive that kind of behavior?
2. (v.14-15) James describes a desire, that becomes an action, and eventually grows up into a destructive pattern. How have you sought to deal with tempting desires and destructive habits?
3. (v.16-18) Why is God’s goodness so critical to our motivation for doing what He says? Why does Satan work so hard to make people doubt His goodness?
4. (v.19-20) Both the verses before and after James admonition to be “*quick to listen, slow to speak, and slow to anger*” are about God’s word? What does that tell us about the primary meaning of this advice?

How might trials and thinking that God is tempting you affect your ability to hear what God has to say to you?

1. (v.22-24) Why do inaction and self-deception go hand in hand? Have you found yourself walking away from the mirror lately?
2. (v. 25) James says “*looking intently*” and “*doing*” are characteristic of a transformed life? How to we move behind glancing at God’s word to “*looking intently*”? Psalm 1
3. (v.26-27) James description of the fruit of transformation and a genuine spirituality is somewhat different than most of us think or do. How would you summarize or paraphrase what James is saying here?