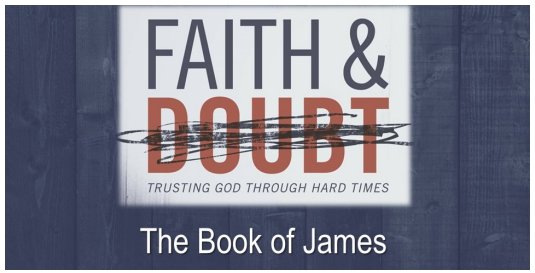

"Doers of the Word"

James 1:22-27

Week of May 24, 2020

I. Just Hearing
What is the message of James 1:22?

Describe what it means to "listen to the word" in your own words. Describe what it means to "do what it says" in your own words.

Why do you think that to merely listen to the word and to not do the word is a self deception?

Why is self deception so hard to correct?

Why is this such a danger for those who attend church regularly?

Read James 1:23-24. What example does James give in these verses of someone that listens to the word but does not do it?

What do we use a mirror for? How does the word of God function in this way in our lives?

What does 2 Timothy 3:16-17 tell us about the Word of God?

II. Doers of the Word
Read again James 1:22. Why should a follower or disciple of Jesus be known for their doing?

What is the danger of legalistically seeing our faith as just doing?

In James 1:25 we are again reminded of a mirror. What does James mean by "the perfect law that brings freedom"?

In James 1:25 what is meant by "looking intently in the perfect law that gives freedom"?

What is the connection between "looking intently" and "continuing in it"?

How does the message of Isiah 55:11 relate to this?

What is the blessing that is mentioned in James 1:25?

III. Application of Doing
What is the topic that James brings up in James 1:26?

What does the kind of speaking referred to in James 1:26 look like?

What does it mean in James 1:26 to have "a tight rein" on our speech?

What is the judgement of James on this kind of speaking?

What kind of "doing of our faith" does James advocate in James 1:27?

Describe the distress that would involve orphans and widows.

How does this point to a larger group in our world?

Who might this be in your circles of connection and influence?

What does James mean in James 1:27 about being polluted by the world?

Why is this such a struggle for us as Christians? Where is this a struggle for you?

What does John 15:19 and John 17:14-16 tell us?

Where is God calling you to do the word of God in your life?