

THE BOOK OF JAMES

STUDY TWO- JAMES 1:19-25

1) What 'voice' do you most enjoy listening to or reading? Are their voices you find irritating or difficult to listen to, or read?

Read James 1:19-21

2) James says we should be "quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry."
Which part of that do you personally find hardest, and why?

3) How do pride, ego, or selfishness stop us from truly listening to others?

We are called to most importantly listen to God's voice - through His word.

4) What does it look like to humbly accept God's word rather than simply hearing it?

5) What are some ways we can slowly "tune out" God's word over time?

6) How can we encourage each other to continue listening to and humbly accepting God's word?

Read James 1:22-25

8) James compares ignoring God's word to looking in a mirror and immediately forgetting what you look like. What truths about ourselves does God's word reveal that we are often tempted to ignore?

James calls God's word "the perfect law that gives freedom."

9) Why do people often see God's commands as restrictive instead of freeing?

10) Have you experienced God's design leading to greater freedom or blessing in some area of life?

Read James 1:26-27

As we read on in James, he challenges many ways we need to humbly accept God's word by obeying it. Verse 26-27 provide important examples that James will talk about more:

- *our speech,*
- *love for others - especially vulnerable people*
- *resisting worldly pollution.*

11) Which of those areas most challenges you right now, and what is one practical step you could take this week?



NEXT WEEK - JAMES 2:1-13