

HEAR IT. RECEIVE IT. DO IT.

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BIG IDEA

The Word that brought us new life is the Word that sustains and reshapes our lives. James calls us to listen without defensiveness, receive God's Word with humility, and practice what it says.

READ TOGETHER

James 1:19-27 | Read verses 19-21 and 22-25 as two connected movements.

INTO THE SERMON

LOOK BACK AT SUNDAY

- 1 What idea, phrase, or illustration from Sunday's sermon stayed with you most? What made it memorable?
- 2 Pastor Sam said we can become consumers of sermons instead of doers of the Word. What difference did he draw between exposure to truth and transformation by truth?

INTO THE TEXT

OPEN JAMES 1

- 1 Read James 1:19-21. How are quick listening, slow speech, slow anger, and receiving the implanted Word connected in this paragraph?
- 2 Look closely at verses 20-21. What does human anger fail to produce? What posture does James say is needed to receive God's Word?

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INTO THE TEXT

FOLLOW THE MOVEMENT

- Read verses 22-24. What does the mirror reveal about hearing without responding? According to the text, where does the self-deception happen?
- Read verse 25. Why does James call God's Word the perfect law of liberty? What four actions describe the person who is blessed in doing?

APPLICATION

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- The sermon said we often approach Scripture as editors, accepting what fits and arguing with what does not. What helps a church receive God's Word with meekness rather than defensiveness?
- Pastor Sam asked a better question than, 'Was the sermon good?' What is one thing from James 1:19-27 that we can actually practice before next Sunday?

THIS WEEK

CHOOSE ONE

- Read James 1:19-27 three times. Each time, write: What did I hear? What will I do?
- In one recurring conversation, practice being quick to hear, slow to speak, and slow to anger.
- When Scripture challenges you this week, pause before explaining or defending. Receive it with humility.
- Choose one clear command from the passage and practice it within twenty-four hours.

MEMORY VERSE / JAMES 1:25

"But the one who looks into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and perseveres, being no hearer who forgets but a doer who acts, he will be blessed in his doing."