



## STUDY GUIDE THREE – FROM SERMON ON SEPTEMBER 28

*Our words, our attitudes, and our actions all reveal what's happening in our hearts. In these verses, James reminds us that true faith is more than listening to God's Word—it's living it out. He calls us to slow down, listen well, control our tongues, and show compassion in practical ways. As we study together, let's invite God to shape us into people who don't just hear truth but reflect it in how we speak, serve, and live.*

### READ JAMES 1:19-20 TOGETHER

Why does James urge us to be “quick to listen, slow to speak, and slow to anger”? How does this advice apply in our current culture of quick opinions and reactions?

James says human anger does not produce God's righteousness (v. 20). How have you seen anger hinder spiritual growth—in yourself or others?

### READ JAMES 1:21-25 TOGETHER

What does it mean to “humbly accept the word planted in you”? Why is humility necessary for spiritual growth?

How does James contrast hearing the Word and doing it? Why is it dangerous to only listen?

James uses the illustration of a mirror (vv. 23–24). How does this picture challenge us to examine our response to God's Word?

What promise does James give to those who act on God's Word (v. 25)? How have you experienced this blessing in your life?

### READ JAMES 1:26-27 TOGETHER

According to James, how does self-control over our words reveal genuine faith?

Why do you think caring for orphans and widows is highlighted as a mark of pure religion? What does this reveal about God's heart?

What does it mean to keep oneself “unstained by the world”? How can we do this without isolating ourselves from those who need Christ?

### WRAPPING IT UP

Which area challenges you most right now—your speech, obedience to the Word, or living out practical compassion? Why?

What is one practical step you can take this week to live out what you've learned?

Close your time together by praying for one another.