

# Life Group Discussion Guide

The Book of James

January 3

## LEADER NOTES

Happy New Year! We're kicking off 2021 with a new message series in the Book of James. Each week check out our social media channels for extra content from our teaching team. These videos are intended to help inspire further conversation in families and Life Groups. We encourage you to pull them up for your group to watch together. This week Pastor Erinne Baker gave a fantastic overview and background of the Book of James and got us started in chapter one.

## QUICK REVIEW

Looking back at your notes from this week's teaching, was there anything you heard for the first time, caught your attention, challenged you, or confused you?

## THIS WEEK'S TEXT

### James 1:22-27

*Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says.<sup>23</sup> Anyone who listens to the word but does not do what it says is like someone who looks at his face in a mirror<sup>24</sup> and, after looking at himself, goes away and immediately forgets what he looks like.<sup>25</sup> But whoever looks intently into the perfect law that gives freedom, and continues in it—not forgetting what they have heard, but doing it—they will be blessed in what they do.*

*<sup>26</sup> Those who consider themselves religious and yet do not keep a tight rein on their tongues deceive themselves, and their religion is worthless.<sup>27</sup> Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself from being polluted by the world.*

## LOOK UP

How have you seen God work brokenness in your life into something good and beautiful?

## LOOK AROUND

Are you quick to become angry in your relationships?

How does being quick to listen and slow to speak offer practical help in tempering or diffusing your anger?

## LOOK AHEAD

Especially now, with things shut down due to the corona virus, what are some creative ways you have been able to care for people in need?

Spend some time in your group brainstorming ways to practically love and care for marginalized people groups such as: at-risk children, families living in poverty, the homeless, the elderly, etc. during this pandemic.

## PRAYER