

HEARERS AND DOERS

James 1.19-25

LIVING BY WISDOM

James 1.19-25 // Matthew 7.24-27

As the Book of James serves almost as a "Proverbs of the New Testament," it also has strong echoes of Jesus' teachings, particularly the Sermon on the Mount. Both Jesus and James taught that it is not enough for us just to agree with the Word, but we almost must be actively doing what it tells us.

HOW TO BUILD UPON THE ROCK

James 1.19-25

We all have many flaws. Anger, irritability, pride, fear, jealousy, gossip, etc. When things or people (trials and temptations) interrupt our lives, we are quick to go to those flaws. We often get in a defensive mode. We already have our beliefs, we have made up our minds, and we are now waiting to defend them. Because of this reality, James says, "therefore..."

He exhorts us to put on humility, to be slow to speak, and to be learners. He tells us how to do this:

- **PUT AWAY** wickedness and sin:
 - The phrase "put away" is like taking off some clothes.
- **RECEIVE** the Word of God:
 - This is like putting on new, clean clothes.

RECEIVE, REMEMBER, AND OBEY THE WORD

James 1.22-25

We have become so accustomed to our way of thinking, our lifestyle, our sin, our worldview, that we are so easily deceived and have forgotten how to look intently into the Gospel. We build our houses on sand unintentionally, and we get defensive and are quick to speak when anyone questions it.



NOTES:

This Week's Scripture to Memorize:

1 John 3:16

By this we know love, that he laid down his life for us, and we ought to lay down our lives for the brothers.

ARE YOU NEW HERE?

WELCOME TO LIFE MISSION!

We'd love for you to **fill out a Connection Card** so we can welcome you and answer any questions you may have. You can drop it in the offering basket during the service or take it to one of our teammates at the **Connection Booth** outside. Feel free to grab some coffee and snacks in the courtyard and hang out. We hope you'll **join us next Sunday** and consider making us your church family.

WHAT ABOUT THE KIDS?

In our children's ministry, which we call **Kids on Mission**, we have classes for **newborns-5th grade**, along with a great team of volunteers who have all been screened with background checks for extra security. Each week your child will get to **worship** with their class, followed by an **age-appropriate lesson** that points them towards Jesus and helps root them in the Word of God.

Visit our website to read more about the vision of Kids on Mission and a walk-through of our curriculum. If you have any questions, email **Katie McGinty at Katie@lifemission.tv**

JUNIOR HIGH & HIGH SCHOOL

Our **6th-8th graders** begin each Sunday by **worshipping with the adults** and then head to their class with their teacher and classmates for the rest of the service. Visit our website to read more about our Junior High Ministry and a walk-through of our curriculum.

Our **9th-12th graders** stay in the service with the adults because we believe that it is crucial for them to not "graduate the faith" when they graduate high school. Our **wid-week High School Ministry meets on Thursday Nights @7PM**, here at Classical Academy in the Study Hall. For more info or questions about our student ministries, email **Casey Barnes at Casey@lifemission.tv**.

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COMMUNITY GROUP HOMEWORK

Before your group starts, is there anyone who can share the Memory Verse?

Read **James 1:19-25** What stuck out to you in these verses or was the most impactful from the message on Sunday? _____

Pastor Jobey mentioned that James is much like a "Proverbs of the New Testament," and particularly that it echoes the teaching of Jesus, especially the Sermon on the Mount. Read **Matthew 7.24-27**. What themes do you see that parallel James' teaching here?

Why do you think that both Jesus and James were concerned with this way of decision making, living, and application of the Word? _____

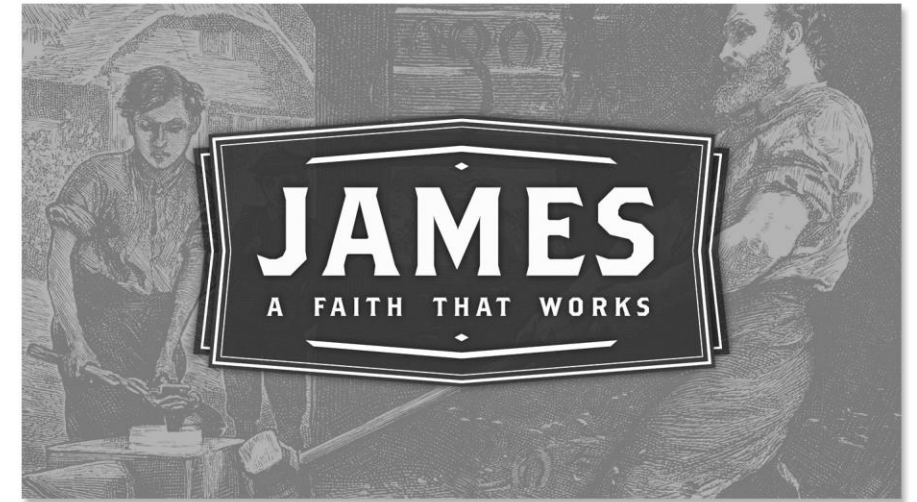
What areas of your own life do you think are built on sand? Or, to put it the way James does, what parts of your life do you think you simply "hear" the Word, but don't actually apply it and "do" what it says? _____

Are there parts of your life that you easily forget the Gospel and focus too much on the exterior trials or temptations? In James' words, do you "know" the Gospel, but like the man in the mirror, when faced with struggles and trial, you quickly forget it and instead resort to fear, anger, defensiveness, isolation, or your own wisdom? What parts are those, and why do you think you do that? _____

Read **Ephesians 4.17-25**. How does the idea of "putting away" sin and old ways, similar to taking off dirty garments, help you to approach repenting of sin and "receiving" the Word? What are the ways that this passage tells us that we can receive the Word? _____

Ephesians 4.25 specifically mentions the fact that we are members one of another, meaning that we are connected and tied to each other. What part should this truth play into our receiving of the Word and putting off sin? What areas of your life are hard for you to receive direction, correction, insight, or challenge from? Why do you think that is? _____

End your group by asking for prayer from everyone for certain areas where you realize you have been building on sand or areas of life and sin that you need help to "put away." Ask the group what truths of the Word you need to receive and do.



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