

Series: James: Faith in Action  
Sermon: Be a Doer of the Word  
Speaker: Jerry Gillis

### **Daily Readings**

Monday: James 1:19-27

Tuesday: Matthew 5-7

Wednesday: Colossians 3:1-17

Thursday: Ephesians 4

Friday: Luke 6

Saturday and Sunday: Read James 2:1-13 to prepare your heart for the preaching of this passage.

### **Discussion Questions**

1. Have someone in your group give a brief recap of Sunday's message, highlighting the primary Scripture points and the main idea of the message.
2. How did this message strengthen and/or correct your previous ideas about this passage of Scripture? Was there anything you heard for the first time or that caught your attention, challenged, or confused you? Did you learn anything new about God or yourself this week?
3. **Read James 1:19-20.** What words or phrases stand out to you? What is James teaching in these verses?
4. Would you describe yourself as someone who is quick to listen, slow to speak, and slow to anger? Where do you tend to fall short in these areas?
5. Where do you tend to struggle with sinful anger? What desires might be motivating these struggles? (Ex: desire for control, desire for things you aren't getting, inappropriate expectations)
6. **Read James 1:21-22.** What words or phrases stand out to you? What is James' solution to sinful anger? According to the sermon, what is the "word" that James speaks of here?
7. What passages in God's word speak to anger? Share these passages and read them together. How can you apply them to your life?
8. **Read James 1:23-27.** What is the kind of life that James calls his readers to in these verses? Make these observations together and discuss some ways you can obey these verses.
9. What action step do you need to take in response to this week's message? How can your group hold you accountable to this step?

### **Action Step**

*Accountability exercise:* Break up your group into pairs of 2-3 people. Take some time to share with each other one area of your life where you need to apply the truth of God's word. Pray together and exchange contact info. During the week, message or call one another to check in and see how the other person is doing with what they shared in the group.