

HomeGroup Discussion Guide

November 23-29, 2008

Key Idea of the Week:

It's not as difficult to come to Jesus and hear His words of life as it is to follow through with obedience. Why is it so hard to align our lives with His ways? How can we be sure that we are not hypocrites and that we are truly following through with our commitment to follow Him?

Discussion Guide:

Pray for God to soften your hearts and speak to you as you open His Word together.

Read James 1:21-25.

Discuss

What does James mean by 'humbly accept the word planted in you?'

Why does James describe someone who 'merely listens to the word' as someone who deceives themselves? How are they deceiving themselves?

How would you know if you are someone who 'merely listens to the word?'

What hindrances have you faced while trying to make changes in your life to align with God's word? Why is it so hard?

Explain James' analogy of the man looking in the mirror. What does it teach about how we should respond to the word in our lives?

Notice that James uses the word 'forgetting' twice (vs. 24 and 25). What does that have to do with it?

Take some time to pray quietly and ask the Lord if there is a way that He is asking you to change, but you have been resistant. Afterwards, is anyone willing to share that with the group and receive help?

What can you do to ensure that you ACT on what He says to you this week?

Pray for courage to act on what you've learned this week and for any requests that may have been raised by members of the group.