

READY TO RESPOND

James 1:22-25

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The questions below are designed to be used by Saylorville Church Community Groups as they meet during the week following the Sunday morning message at Saylorville. The intent is not for groups to answer every question, but for leaders to use the questions as a guide as they tailor the discussion to the unique needs of their group. The Sunday message and these questions can be found each week at www.saylorvillechurch.com/sermons.

WANT MORE CONTEXT AND COMMENTARY?

- Check out this free [Verse-by-Verse Bible Commentary](http://www.StudyLight.org), available through www.StudyLight.org.
- Watch an [overview video of the Book of James](http://www.BibleProject.com), available from www.BibleProject.com.

CONNECT WITH YOUR GROUP (10-15 MINUTES)

- Think of a story from your life where you read a sign and then ignored it; got some instructions and then disregarded them; or received some truth you didn't respond to? What happened?

APPLY THE BIBLE (45-60 MINUTES)

- **Remember** what you talked about last time. Is there anything you need to **follow up** on this week?
- **Review** your Sermon Notes together. What is **one thing** that sticks out to you about what you learned?
- **Read** this week's passage together. In his message, **Pastor Jason showed us the contrast between someone how *only* hears truth and someone who hears *and* obeys truth.**

Context:

Which of the 5 practices from James 1:19-21 has been most meaningful to you over the last two weeks:

1. Quick to hear (James 1:19)
2. Slow to speak (James 1:19)
3. Slow to anger (James 1:19-20)
4. Put away sin (James 1:21)
5. Welcome the truth (James 1:21)

The Hearer (James 1:22-25)

- Be honest, how important is the Bible to your every day life? Talk about how and when you interact with God's Word on a regular basis. What are some places that you turn to when you're looking for more Bible knowledge, information, or help in reading your Bible?
- Put on your math hat! Respond to this equation: BIBLE KNOWLEDGE = SPIRITUAL MATURITY. Is the equation true? Is there something you would change to make it true?
- Can you think of a recent truth that you learned, message you heard, or biblical principle you saw that you should have acted on, but didn't? Do you have an action plan moving forward?

The Doer (James 1:22-25)

- What are your go-to methods for applying truth to your life? How do you remember and practice what you read in the Bible, hear from a sermon, or learn in Community Group?
- Are there any dangers in being a "doer" without being a "hearer"? If so, what do you think they are?
- Can you think of other areas (maybe relationships, family, your job, etc.) where the phrase, "Hearing without doing isn't obeying" might also be true?
- Talk through the illustration of the mirror that James uses in verses 23-25. Put the analogy in your own words. Which person in the story do you most identify with?

Receive and Respond: Because of what I've heard, this is what I will do...

PRAY TOGETHER (5-15 MINUTES)

- Pray that your group would respond to God's Word by hearing AND obeying it.

