

**House Church Study Questions for the week of July 12-18,2020**  
**Based on James 1:19-25**

**Gathering Guidelines:**

**-Watch Pastor Brian's intro video for this week.**

**-Take some time to worship.**

**Play a worship song. Pray to Jesus. Be in His presence.**

**-Read James 1:19-25**

**-Discussion Questions:**

- 1. Think of the last time you were steaming mad. Remember how it felt and how you wanted to (or did!) act.**

**James 1:19 tells us that we should be 'slow to become angry' because *human anger* doesn't produce good, righteous results.**

**-Question: is there a difference between human anger and God's anger? Read Matthew 21:12-13.**

**How was Jesus' anger different than your anger?**

- 2. James 1:21 seems to connect 'moral filth' and 'evil' with human anger.**

**Read James 1:13-15.**

**-Question: How does sin affect us? If 'death' is in us due to sin, how does that hinder us from having a peaceful heart?**

**-Question: We are told that *accepting* God's word planted in us can do something to help us overcome the effects of evil. What does it mean to 'accept' God's word? (Consider James 1:22. . .)**

- 3. James 1:22 says that we should not only hear God's word but also do what it says.**

**-Question: How can we hear God's word and still be deceived? Isn't hearing enough?**

**-Question: What happens in us when we hear something and then go further and act on it? Describe what this means.**

**-Question: Is the same true of what God tells us?**

**4. James 1:23 describes a person who lives with superficial understanding and it affects how he/she views him/herself.**

**-Question: If we hear God's word and don't act on it as well, how does this affect our self-image and identity?**

**-Question: How might our relationship with God be affected if we listen to but don't do what He says?**

**5. James 1:25 says that we should 'look intently' into God's word.**

**-Question: What do you think 'looking intently' means for you?**

**-Question: Do you find it hard to immerse yourself in the Bible? Have you ever considered why that is? Read 1 John 2:15 and ask yourself if your heart is in the right place. . .**

#### **Invitation and Mission for this week**

**Accepting God's word and doing God's word has the ability to *save* you (James 1:21).**

**-Everyday this week declare over yourself "The word of God is planted in me and it has the power to save me. I choose to listen to God, and I choose to obey Him as well."**

**Then watch for things the Lord will show you that He wants you to do, and**

#### **Pray for each other.**

**When you pray this time, ask the Lord to lead you into hearing His word, and to show you ways to obey His word this week.**

**Go around your circle and pray for the person on your left. Pray from the content of your discussions tonight and declare God's truth/blessing over the person next to you. Everyone is invited to pray. Everyone is invited to receive prayer.**