

## Are you wondering what it means to be a Christian?

Jesus said, "All that the Father gives me will come to Me, and the one who comes to Me I will never drive away" (John 6:37). Jesus also said, "No one can come to Me unless the Father who sent me draws him; and I will raise him up on the last day" (John 6:44).

If you are feeling drawn to Christ, it is because God the Father is drawing you; it is not a desire we can or will create within ourselves. This also means that there is no sin too great to be forgiven, and no past too sinful to be overcome. You can trust Christ to receive you because it is God the Father who is drawing you to find true repentance and receive the gift of faith. You can know a new life in Jesus Christ.

We would love to talk and pray with you about this or any other spiritual needs you may have. Please see Pastor Mark or one of our elders after today's service to do so.

## Are you interested in Baptism or Church Membership?

Please indicate your interest on the back of your Connection Card and Pastor Mark or one of the elders will be in touch with you this week to set up a time to meet with you.

## James 1:1-12 LISTENING AND DOING James 1:19-27

**Main Thought:** In James 1:19-27 we are instructed to listen to God's Word and then do what it says.

1. LISTEN TO THE \_\_\_\_\_. (vv 19-21)
  - 1) Be \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_.
  - 2) Be \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_.
  - 3) Be \_\_\_\_\_ to become \_\_\_\_\_.
  - 4) \_\_\_\_\_ of your \_\_\_\_\_.
  - 5) \_\_\_\_\_ accept the word \_\_\_\_\_ in you.
  
2. \_\_\_\_\_ WHAT IT \_\_\_\_\_. (vv 22-27)
  - 1) The wrong approach: listening and \_\_\_\_\_ doing.
  
  - 2) The right approach: listening \_\_\_\_\_ doing.
  
  - 3) Some practical marks of \_\_\_\_\_ Christianity.
    - (1) \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_.
    - (2) \_\_\_\_\_ for the \_\_\_\_\_.
    - (3) Personal \_\_\_\_\_.

## **ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS FOR GROWTH GROUPS**

1. Read James 1:19-27.

2. What three specific behaviors does James command in verse 19?

3. What problem(s) does James seem to be addressing with these commands?

4. To what are we supposed to listen? (See verse 18 & 21)  
How do we listen?

5. How does listening to the Word of God help us become slow to speak and slow to become angry?

6. Why should we be quick to listen, slow to speak, and slow to become angry? (v 20) What is the righteous life God desires for us?

7. What are we to accept and what are we to reject according to verse 21?

8. What does James mean when he says that we are not merely to hear the word but do it? What is the word we are to hear and do? How do religious people avoid doing the word?

9. To what is a person who hears the word and doesn't do what it says compared? (vv 23-24)

10. What is the result of hearing the word and doing what it says? (v 25)

11. What practical marks of genuine Christianity are described in verses 26-27? Why do you think James chose to emphasize these marks?

12. What do most people consider the marks of a truly religious person?

13. How do we actually live out these three realities? What does it mean to keep a tight rein on your tongue, to care for the unfortunate, and to practice personal holiness?