



TODAY'S MAIN POINT

Faith isn't just about what we hear. It's what we do.

TODAY'S BIBLE VERSE(S)

James 1:19-27

TEACHING GOAL

Students will understand that God's Word is meant to change how they live, and they will identify one practical way they can begin obeying what they hear from Scripture.

Let's Break the Ice:

- What is something people say is important to do, but many people ignore?
- What's something you've learned before but struggle to actually apply?

LEADER NOTE: Start your discussion by sharing the context of the Book of James:

In this section, James confronts a different issue—not pressure or temptation, but **self-deception**. He warns that it's possible to hear God's Word regularly and still not be changed by it. Using the image of a mirror, James shows that Scripture reveals truth about us—but transformation only happens when we **respond with obedience**. Real faith is not just heard—it's **lived out**, especially in how we speak, love others, and live differently from the world.

Bible Study:

- Read Together or ask someone to summarize: **As a group, read James 1:19-27** (*Telos Bible Pg. 1213*)

Discussion Questions:

- According to James 1:22, what warning does James give about simply hearing God's Word?
- In James 1:23–25, what does the mirror represent and what's the difference between the two people described in James.
- Why do you think it's easy to listen to the Bible or a sermon but not actually change anything in our lives?
- Where is one area where your faith feels more like something you consume more than something you practice?
- What is one specific area where you know what God says but haven't been living it out?

Make it Real:

- James says it's possible to **deceive ourselves** by hearing God's Word but not obeying it. Why do you think that's so easy to do? Where do you see that

happening in your own life? (*Leader note: Be prepared to meet your students with the truth of the Gospel here. Slow down and lean in*)

Discipleship Moment:

Put it to practice: Choose **one thing** from this week's message or that God is teaching you elsewhere that you will actually put into practice this week.

At the next group gathering, be ready to share what you tried and how it went.

Partner Check-In: Pair students up and have them commit to checking in with their partner at some point during the week or during your next gathering.

Prayer:

- Close with group prayer
 - Take prayer requests
 - Celebrate what God has done over the last week