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WEEKLY GUIDE

WEEKLY CHECKLIST



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READ DAILY DEVOTIONALS



GROUP DISCUSSION



WATCH WEEKEND SERMON



WATCH WEEKLY DEBRIEF



PROCESS & APPLY

READ & OBSERVE

- BEFORE YOU MEET WITH YOUR GROUP READ THROUGH JAMES CHAPTER 1
- WRITE DOWN 2-3 OBSERVATIONS ABOUT THE CHAPTER. WHAT STANDS OUT TO YOU? WHAT IS INTERESTING? WHAT DO YOU NOTICE?
- WRITE DOWN 2-3 QUESTIONS YOU HAVE ABOUT THE CHAPTER. WHAT IS CONFUSING? WHAT DON'T YOU UNDERSTAND? KEEP THESE QUESTIONS IN MIND TO DISCUSS WITH YOUR GROUP.

THINK

- WHO DO YOU KNOW PERSONALLY THAT IS A GREAT EXAMPLE OF FAITH? WHAT MAKES YOU THINK OF THEM THIS WAY?
- READ V. 1-9. WHAT ARE SOME REASONS THAT A PERSON MIGHT TREAT A WEALTHY PERSON WITH MORE RESPECT THAN A POOR PERSON (LIST 3-5)? WHY DOES JAMES CALL THIS DISCRIMINATION, SIN (V. 9, SEE ALSO ROM 2:11, EPHESIANS 6:9, COL 3:25)? WHY DO YOU THINK JAMES SINGLES THIS SIN OUT AS BEING ESPECIALLY DAMAGING TO THE CHURCH?
- LOOK UP JESUS' PARABLE OF THE UNMERCIFUL SERVANT (MATT 18:21-35). WHY WAS THE SERVANT EXPECTED TO SHOW MERCY TO THE PERSON WHO OWED HIM A DEBT? HOW DOES THIS RELATE TO WHAT JAMES IS EXPLAINING IN V. 8-13?
- THE SAME ROOT WORD IN GREEK TRANSLATED IN THE NIV AS "GOOD," OPHELOS IS USED IN V. 2:14 AND 2:16. USING A CONCORDANCE, DICTIONARY, OR ONLINE SEARCH, DEFINE THIS WORD. WHAT IS THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS WORD IN THE EXAMPLE JAMES USES? HOW DOES HE RELATE IT TO FAITH IN GENERAL?
- JAMES 2:24 HAS SPARKED QUITE A BIT OF CONTROVERSY OVER THE YEARS IN CHRISTIAN CIRCLES. COMPARE WITH GALATIANS 2:16, EPHESIANS 2:8, ROMANS 10:9, JOHN 3:16, JOHN 5:24, ROMANS 4:14, ROMANS 9:30-32. WHAT IS PAUL'S MAIN ARGUMENT? WHAT IS JAMES'? HOW MIGHT THE TWO BE RECONCILED (HINT, SEE: JAMES 1:16, 1:19, 2:1, 2:5, 2:14, 2:15, 3:1, 3:10, 3:12, 4:11, 5:7, 5:9, 5:10, 5:12, & 5:19)?

PROCESS AND APPLY

HOW HAVE YOU PUT YOUR FAITH INTO ACTION TODAY? THE PAST COUPLE DAYS? WEEKS? MONTHS?

IF YOUR FAITH WAS BEING TRIED IN A COURT OF LAW, WOULD THERE BE ENOUGH EVIDENCE TO CONVICT YOU?

HOW USEFUL AND ALIVE IS YOUR FAITH? WHAT NEEDS TO CHANGE TO MAKE IT MORE SO?

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DEBRIEF NOTES