

Intentional Action

City on a Hill: Living Out Your Faith

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As Christians, we must do more than simply listen to and study the Bible; we must apply its words to our life.

1. Love With Your Speech (1:19-21).

2. Be A Doer of the Word (1:22-25).

3. Do Things Differently (1:26-27).

SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

The goal of discussion questions is to encourage conversations built around Christ-centered relationships +for mutual support and encouragement.

- 1. What is one thing that stood out to you from this week's message?
- 2. How is your speech--both in person and in the digital world? Is it used to love God and love others? What do you need to work on most in this area?
- 3. We're to put away "wickedness" and live differently. What does this look like for you this week? What does it look like for you to live a life "unstained" from the world? (P.S. This doesn't mean we walk around with a "holier than thou" attitude. We're supposed to remain meek and humble as we live according to God's way instead of the world's.)
- 4. In verse 27, James is clear about the two traits that characterize pure religion: helping the vulnerable and not giving into the ways of the world. What does doing those things look like for you in this season? Sometimes our initial thought can be, "Well, I don't have the resource to help," or "I don't know how to help." Ask God for wisdom to know how you can be a doer of the word in these areas. Take time to meditate, pray, and think creatively.
- 5. How can we pray for you?

ADDITIONAL SPACE FOR SERMON NOTES