

True Religion

Deep End Faith | May 18 2022 | James 1:26-29 | Mike Maslin

1. PUT OFF self-deluding speech.

-The tongue is a window of the heart.

-Beware blind spots of the heart.

2. PUT ON mercy and holiness

-One without the other is vain.

GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. When you hear the word “religious” what comes to mind? In what sense does James use this word?
2. Describe how the tongue can pervert and contradict true religious expression?
3. As devoted (religious) people, how can we be self-delusional about the real state of our devotion? Discuss.
4. True Christianity happens at the intersection of mercy and holiness. Which of the two expressions are you inclined toward? In what ways are you tempted toward looking down or devaluing the significance of the other?
5. What practical steps can you take to grow in holiness and mercy? Consider adjustments to beliefs and behaviors/habits.
6. What are some practical ways to apply principles of the margins of the field from Leviticus 23:22 to our obedience of verse 27?
7. Describe the drift toward “pollution” by the world from verse 27? How does one – regardless of their season or stage of life – drift into this pollution? How can you – in your best efforts with reliance on the Lord’s strength – prevent that drift in your own life?

How to Connect with James deeper:

- **Study -**

Read James once a week until Easter – pick up one of our Scripture Journals to help you.



- **Memorize -**

Memorize James using the Scripture Memory Fellowship App.

Aim for one verse – James 1:2 or 1:25

Aim for one passage – James 1:2-4

Aim for 10 key passages – James 1:2-4, 1:13-15, 1:19-20, 1:22-25, 2:1, 2:26, 3:9-10, 3:17-18, 4:7-8, 5:16

Aim for one chapter – James 1

Aim for the whole book?!



(If you have memorized any of James at this point and would like to be part of a social media project, email Heather Moe at heather-moe@forcey.org)

- **Join -**

Join or start a small group to discuss James: If you'd like to start one, please send an email to forcey-office@forcey.org



- **Invite -**

Prayerfully invite someone else to join us in our study of James – use our invite cards

- **Pray -**

Make a habit of kneeling in prayer, like James. Pray for wisdom from God.