

STUDY GUIDE

November 17

STAY IN THE LOOP

Announcements



- All seniors are invited to the **Seniors Coffee and Conversation** with Pastor Jose as our guest speaker this week on Wednesday, Nov 20, at 1pm (Kemptville).

START WITH PRAYER

Use this Prayer Prompt

Thank God for giving us his Word to guide our lives. Ask God to help us not only be hearers but also doers of His Word. Ask God to transform our hearts to love God and love others in our daily lives.

STUDY THE BIBLE

Think through and discuss your reactions as you read through Scripture:

James 1:19-25

James 2:1-20

STIR UP DISCUSSION

How does this week's teaching affect me personally?

1. James talks about the difference between a faith that goes through the motions and a genuine, active faith. Reflect on your own life—are there areas where you might be going through the motions of your faith? How can you allow your faith to be more real and transformative?

2. James uses the illustration of looking in a mirror to explain how we can forget the truth about ourselves if we only hear the word but don't act on it. What does your spiritual mirror show you? Do you see yourself as God sees you, or do you see something else (your past, your failures, your fears)? How does the gospel challenge that image?
3. James speaks about the dangers of favoritism within the church. Why do you think it's so easy to fall into this trap, and what does it look like to treat all people equally in God's eyes?
4. James makes it clear that faith without works is dead. Reflecting on this, how do you think faith and deeds are connected? How can we ensure that we are doers of the Word and not just hearers? What habits or practices can help us in this endeavor?

STEP INTO ACTION

Let's try to apply this by taking some Next Steps.

Imagine God has called you to a specific purpose—whether in ministry, service, or your everyday life. What vision do you have for your role in God's work? How can you start taking steps toward achieving that vision?