

James 1:19-27 /// Week of February 25

Today's big idea: Jesus changes what we do.

**This is designed to be pretty light but group members might get in to some of how God has changed and delivered them. Encourage all transparency.**

- How have you changed from when you were in high school?
- Review the Community Group Guidelines together.
- What did you hear in the sermon that caught your attention?
- Someone pray that God would help us hear from him.

Head

**This is a teaching but it lends well to storytelling either for yourself or to ask another group member to help with.**

- Use Bible Storytelling to tell the story of listening and doing.
- Retell the story together as a group.
- Read the story from James 1:19-27 in the Bible.
- What is God teaching about anger?
- What should we expect if we listen and what should we expect if we do what the word says?
- How should believers avoid a worthless religion?

Heart

**Anger is a heavy subject. Some struggle with anger and some have been wounded by it. Encourage and support all transparency and vulnerability. The temptation for your group to fix, rescue and incorporate humor will be high. Model good listening and sharing.**

- How is anger, both past and present, impacting your life today?
- What are areas in your life in which you are DOING what you hear from God, and what are areas in which you struggle to DO what he says?
- When we don't have a tight rein on our tongue, how does that impact us and those around us?

Hands

**Even small steps of faith are great steps. Take note of what group members are sharing here and follow up with them throughout the week.**

- When anger comes up in your life how can you remember and stay focused on what you have heard from God and his word?
- How can you help and encourage people to listen and do what God says when they have lost their minds?
- Pray for one another, for quick listening, for slow anger and a doing spirit.

Next Week:

It's Nothing Personal, Matthew 5:38-48