

SERMON APPLICATION GUIDE

Introducing James | James 1:1

WORSHIP

How can your discipleship group start with worship today?

WALK

Spend time understanding and applying God's Word.

1. REVIEW + UNDERSTAND

1. Read James 1:1.
2. Who wrote this letter?
3. Who was it written to?
4. What was its purpose?
5. Which memory verse challenge will you participate in? Leaders, encourage your group to take one on.
6. There is no authentic faith apart from slavery to Christ. Often in our context the word "slave," stirs up jarring, negative feelings in us. Why is it actually a good thing and of the utmost importance that we are slaves to Christ?

2. ASSESS + APPLY

1. What is the impact on our life when Christ is master?
2. Beeke & Smalley wrote, "In the biblical perspective, we have not heard God rightly unless we do what he says." Are you doing what he says? Why or what not?
3. We like to stay & build when God often wants to send us to bless. Evaluate if you're A) living sent and B) willing to disperse?
4. When people don't obey God and stay, what are some of the consequences?
5. Think of what you hold most dear--your family, your income, your popularity, your climbing of the corporate ladder, and so on and so forth--as you evaluate your life and what you hold dear, are you a bondservant to Christ in all ways? Or are there areas in which you are holding back and making yourself the master of your life? What are those areas?

PRAYERS + APPLICATIONS

LOOKING AHEAD

Read next week's passage and ask: What does it say? What does it mean? How should I respond?

James 1:2-4

WORK

How should this message affect how you serve one another?

WITNESS

How should this message affect how you share the Gospel?