

James 1:19-27



Getting Started

1. Can you think of a person you know or a character in a book or movie who was single-minded? What were they single-minded about? How did they maintain their passion?

The Text – James 1:19–27

2. Read the passage and include a backward glance at James 1:16–18. Describe the vision of God that James has on his mind.

3. What does James say about the word of God? What can and should the word of God do in our lives?

4. ‘You can tell someone is wise by the way they speak.’ What would James say about this claim?

5. How does the practice of listening express itself in the life of a wise person?

6. What place is there for anger in wise living?

7. What’s the difference between looking after orphans and widows *and* being polluted by the world?

The Scriptures – James 1:19-27 as a portion of the Scriptures

8. Explore the laws concerning the widow and the orphan in Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers and Deuteronomy.

9. Choose a chapter of Proverbs and see what more can be said about wise speaking and listening, anger and actions of justice and mercy.

10. In what ways is James resonating with the Sermon on the Mount in Matthew 5–7?

11. In James does wisdom seem to be something we earn through action or receive as gift? Is there a sense of the gospel in this week’s text?

Our lives – walking the way of Jesus in response to James 1:19-27 as a portion of the Scriptures

12. Discuss the following:

	WHAT BELIEFS ABOUT GOD AFFECT MY BEHAVIOUR IN THIS AREA?	WHAT PRACTICES HELP ME TO BE WISE IN THIS AREA?
LISTENING TO GOD		
LISTENING TO PEOPLE		
SPEECH		
ANGER		
LOOKING AFTER VULNERABLE PEOPLE		