



Guide

8/30 - James 1:19-27

LOVE

A new commandment I give to you, that you love *one another*... (John 13:34)

- *Internal*: How was your week? Any new life updates? How was your walk with the Lord this week?
- *External*: Practically, is there any individual or family that needs encouragement from us as a group?

TRUTH

Let the word of God dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing *one another*... (Col. 3:16)

1. When you reflect on the message from Sunday, what most resonated with you?
2. Let's read our primary text. Are you familiar with this text? For those who are familiar with it, how has it shaped your life?
3. Why does James connect "slow to anger" specifically to the ability to hear and receive truth (vv. 19–21)?
4. In Scripture, especially in Paul's writings, the phrase "put away" is emphasized often. Where else have you seen this in the Bible and what does it mean to "put something away"?
5. Explain the mirror illustration in verses 23–24. What point is James making about hearers who don't act?
6. What is the "perfect law, the law of liberty" (v. 25), and why is it liberating rather than restrictive?
7. Why does James single out the tongue as a test of genuine religion (v. 26)?
8. James defines "pure and undefiled" religion with two specific actions: caring for orphans and widows, and keeping oneself unstained from the world (v. 27). Why pair a call to compassion with a call to personal holiness?
9. Where do you see yourself on the spectrum of hearing and doing? What are the consequences for neglecting one or both of these?
10. Any other thoughts you would like to share before we wrap up this text?

GREAT COMMISSION

Go therefore and make disciples of all nations... (Matt. 28:19-20)

- *Internal*: Did you make time to disciple your family this week? Pray with them?
- *External*: Is your life marked by joy/contentment? Are you prepared to share the gospel if the Holy Spirit prompted? Is the name of Jesus on your lips in your day-to-day activity?

CONFESSION/PRAYER/REPENTANCE

But exhort *one another* every day, as long as it is called "today,"... (Heb. 3:12-14)

- Confession is agreeing with God about our sin according to the Scriptures. Is there anything you want to confess before the group, generally? [*apathy, idolatry, selfishness, jealousy, anger, envy*]
- Let's pray, asking God to help us apply His word to our lives, putting to death sinful desires.