



# Serman Study Guide

Listening & Doing – James 1:19-27

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## Opening Questions

Describe a time when someone went above and beyond for you or your family. What did they do? What was the result? How did it impact you?

## Read Together

James 1:19-27

## Big Idea

**God wants us to have big hearts.**

## Discussion Questions

**LISTEN: Why is it so important that we learn to listen to others?**

1. How can you learn to listen to other people? How can you put a priority on actively listening to other people? How do you think it will change your relationships?
2. What was the primary way that Geoff mentioned in His message of listening to God? How could you improve on how is it that some people can be in church all their lives and never “get it”? That is, it never makes a personal or moral impact on them.
3. “When God’s word is planted in us it can grow into a garden of righteousness.” What would this look like for you? How could you pursue this?

**DO: Read Luke 6:46-49. How does this relate to what James says here in our passage?**

4. How do you begin to do what God instructs you to in His Word? How do you as a group help each other to do this?
5. The imagery of taking Christianity for credit rather than auditing Christianity was striking. How did this challenge or encourage you?

**CARE: Understanding the Father Heart of God is imperative to help us to reach out to people who are in the margins of life. Does this motivate you to reach out to the broken? Why or why not?**

6. What small thing could you as an individual start doing for someone in your sphere of influence?
7. What could you do with your small group to serve, or do something missional?

## Prayer

Who outside our group do we need to pray for? Let’s plead and petition God on their behalf. Pray that God would convict and inspire your group towards mission and action – whatever it is he is calling you to. Pray that your heart, your group’s hearts and RockPointe’s hearts grow BIG and it results in outward love and action.