

Sermon Resources

Sermon: Faith that listens and does

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WHAT DO I NEED TO KNOW?

James 1:19–27

LISTEN TO OTHERS

LISTEN TO GOD

DO WHAT GOD TELLS US

(SERMON IN A SENTENCE) Everyday faith starts with listening but should end with action.

MEMORY VERSE

But whoever looks intently into the perfect law that gives freedom, and continues in it—not forgetting what they have heard, but doing it—they will be blessed in what they do.

James 1:25

WHAT DO I NEED TO ASK?

- ICEBREAKER: What's something you've been told multiple times but still struggle to follow? (Could be funny, like putting the toilet seat down—or more serious.)
- James says to be "quick to listen, slow to speak, and slow to become angry"—what's hardest for you in that trio, and why?
- When you listen to others, do you typically listen to understand, or to respond? How do you know?
- Think about your most recent conflict or heated conversation. How could these verses (James 1:19–20) have changed how you responded?
- What's one way you currently try to "listen to God"? Is it working for you?
- Can you recall a time God clearly spoke to you (through Scripture, prayer, a person, etc.)? What was that like, and how did you respond?
- How do you test what you hear—whether it's from God, your own desires, or something else? Which "contrast" from the series hit home the hardest?
- What's a specific command of Scripture you've heard many times but struggled to live out? Why do you think that is?
- What's one next step of obedience you sense God is inviting you to take this week?