

Applying It In My LifeGroup time - 15 minutes

1. Why is it so easy for us to read the Bible and not live it out? What ways have you found to unleash God's Word in your life? How can you improve?

2. Reflect on your ordinary routine. Do your priorities and actions show that you have received Christ and are following Him in obedience? Why or why not? **Also read: John 14:21-24**

3. Are you aware of any specific situations in your life in which you are not doing what you know God's Word calls you to do? Why are you reluctant to obey? Ask God to bring His desired transformation in your life.

ACTIVE FAITH ACTION STEP | WEEK 02

Focus on the three marks from 1:26-27 and make a plan for how to implement an action in at least one area. 1) Control your tongue, 2) Help the needy, 3) Keep yourself from the influence of the sinful world.

Prayer TimeGroup time - 15 minutes

Thank God for His Word and for the freedom that comes from obeying it. Give thanks for His mercy and His care for the needy.

Share some areas where you are struggling to obey God's Word. Pray together asking God to help your group to find the freedom and blessing that comes from obedience.

God's Word Unleashed

James 1:19-27

GROWTH GROUP HOMEWORK

Week of January 22, 2017

Getting StartedGroup time - 20 minutes

1. Tell the group about a book (not the Bible) that has made an impact in your life? What is it about this book that comes “alive” to you?
2. What is the difference between what “makes” a Christian and what “marks” a Christian? How do these two ideas relate? Make a list for each concept:

What makes a Christian:

What marks a Christian:

FOR GROWTH GROUP TIME

Getting Into God’s WordGroup time - 40 minutes

Read James 1:19-21

1. How are James’ words helpful in relation to our ordinary relationships? How are they helpful in relation to God’s Word?
2. What must we do to receive God’s Word? In what sense is God’s Word “implanted” in us? Why is this important?

Read James 1:22-25

3. What does the mirror illustration teach you about an inactive faith? What would cause a person to forget to do what the Word says? Why is it easy to hear and not do?

ACTION: Verse 22 best captures the message of James. Memorize it!

4. In verse 25 James refers to “the perfect law” and further explains by calling it “the law of liberty.” What is he referring to? What is the result of obedience to this law?

Read James 1:26-27

5. According to James, what are three marks of truth faith? Why do you think he chose these? **Also read: Psalm 68:5; Jeremiah 7:6-7**

Read Galatians 5:16-26

6. What other marks of a transformed life could we include? What does God give His children to ensure their transformation and obedience? **Also read: John 8:31-36; 16:7-15**