

IMPACT GROUP QUESTIONS

KEY PASSAGE: JAMES 1:19-27

Opening: What truths impacted you most from the sermon/passage?

INFORM THE HEAD / STIR THE HEART

Please read Psalm 119:33-40

1. In this passage, what requests does the psalmist ask of God (i.e. teach me the way of Your statutes, give me understanding, etc.). How would you describe the psalmist's understanding of God's character from these requests?

2. What are the benefits of knowing and following God's "testimonies?" What are some practical ways, in our busy lives, that we can know and understand His testimonies better...and apply that knowledge in the context of our daily circumstances (relationships, work, down time, etc.)?

3. What phrases can we apply from this passage to help us in being quick to hear, slow to speak, and slow to anger" (James 1:19)?

4. Please read vs. 36. Why is selfish gain in opposition to God's "testimonies?"

5. What kinds of “worthless things” (vs. 37) keep us from life in His ways?

6. The “fear of the Lord” can be defined as “worship or trust of the Lord...being in reverent awe of who He is.” Comparing vs. 38 with Proverbs 16:6b which says, “By the fear of the Lord one turns away from evil,” how does God’s promise help us to fear Him and turn away from evil?

7. What ways do we try to muscle turning from evil? What happens when we try to muscle it?

8. Looking over this passage, how would you summarize God’s role and how would you summarize our role?

CHALLENGE THE WILL

Based on what you learned from the study, or read in the passage, what actions/focus do you need to pursue in order to draw closer to the Lord (i.e. Listen first, and be slow on unleashing your feelings; Live a life of follow through, doing what you hear; Live a true worship before your God, self-controlled and compassionate)?

WEEKLY READING PLAN

Monday, January 20 // Ephesians 4:17-32

Pursue restoration

Tuesday, January 21 // Matthew 7:15-29

Build on the rock

Wednesday, January 22 // Psalm 119:33-50

Remember Your word to me

Thursday, January 23 // Proverbs 21:13-23

Love in word and action

Friday, January 24 // James 2:1-13

Stepping Through Partiality