

COMMUNITY GROUP STUDY GUIDE**Quick to Listen, Not Quick to Speak****APPLY // JAMES 1:16-18**

Main Idea: Our Father gives every good and perfect gift to make us complete, especially the gift of salvation.

1. Why are we tempted to doubt God's goodness in the midst of trials?
2. How are trials a good gift from God?
3. How does knowing God is our Father, in Christ, help us remember his goodness?
4. In verse 18, James highlights the gift of salvation. How does this gift help us put everything else in perspective? How can we regularly remember and rehearse our salvation?

OBSERVE & INTERPRET // JAMES 1:19-21

Main Idea: Listen to and receive God's word that saves.

1. Read James 1:19-21.
2. James calls us to do three things:
 - a. "Be quick to listen." What does this mean? How is listening different from hearing? In the context of the passage, what are we to be quick to listen?
 - b. Be "slow to speak." What does this mean? In the context of the passage, what kind of speaking is James referencing?
 - c. Be "slow to anger." What does this mean? In the context of the passage, what kind of anger is James talking about?
3. Why does James connect listening, speaking, and anger?
4. Verse 20 begins with "For" which tells us a reason for what he just said follows. What reason does James give for being slow to anger? What does it mean "the anger of man does not produce the righteousness of God"?
5. Notice the "Therefore" at the beginning of verse 21. How does the call of verse 21 connect back to verses 19-20?
6. What does it mean to "put away all filthiness and rampant wickedness"? How does this relate back to verse 18?
7. What does it mean to "receive the implanted word with meekness"? In the context of the passage, why is James concerned with meekness?
8. What does James have in view when he says the word "which is able to save your souls"?
9. What's the importance of remembering verse 18 comes before these verses?

ACCOUNTABILITY

Relationships developed and deepened during accountability provide regular encouragement, and when necessary admonition, to spur each other on to delight in the supremacy of Jesus Christ. Ask one another heart-probing, clarifying questions, and help each other apply the gospel to your lives.

QUESTION: Follow up from previous weeks.