



Sunday 22 June 2025
Living It – the Book of James
James 1:19–27.

In James we see lots of practical advice about living as Christians. These questions are therefore very practical, looking to see how we can continue as doers of the Word. The key word is *continue*. I am sure that for most of us, we are doing good things, and I don't wish to suggest differently, I simply want to encourage you to reflect on what is currently going on in the life of the church and where we may wish to grow. 😊 It may be that you feel best to break off into 2s and 3s to answer these questions and then share back what came up. Also perfectly fine to do this as a collective group.

You may wish to begin with reading James 1:19–27

Question 1: To begin this section, James gives three instructions as to how we should approach God's word. He sums it up by using the word humility to encapsulate these three instructions:

Quick to Listen:

- What does this look like practically for you?
- How can we grow in this area?

Slow to speak:

- Why is being slow to speak important for communication with God and in reading his word?

Slow to Anger (Take offence):

- Is there anything in God's word that currently causes offence for you. Or for others you know? Why? How to we handle these things?

Question 2: James describes the one how hears the word but does not do it, as someone who looks in a mirror and forgets what they look like.

- What stops us from doing the Word?? (Distraction, temptation etc...)
- What advice does James give in this section (verses 22–25) for the reader to remember what they have seen and hear?

Question 3: I used the example of a toddler group as the thing that brought my mum to church and thus saved her life (in many ways).

- What do we do as a church that runs towards the broken places and people of our community?
- Where are the people we are not yet meeting? How can we meet them?