



**GO FURTHER | JANUARY 9 | ENGINE: SPIRITUAL**

### **START TALKING | ASK A QUESTION TO GET YOUR GROUP THINKING.**

- Did you make any New Year's resolutions? Share them if you feel comfortable.
- What is your favorite winter activity? (sledding, skiing, reading books by the fire, etc.)

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- James gives us some diagnostics to check on the health of our spiritual engines.
- Read James 1:19-21
- What words or phrases stand out to you?
- We must quick to listen but slow to speak and get angry. How do we build patience into our lives?
- What habits have worked for you to only get righteously angry, slowly and about things that matter?
- Learning what is filthy and evil come from experience God's word in the Bible.
- What practices have you enjoyed when reading and learning Scripture?

### **START SHARING | CHOOSE A QUESTION TO CREATE OPENNESS.**

- Read James 1:22-27
- What words or phrases stand out to you?
- What religion does James say is worthless?
- What religion does James say is pure and faultless?
- How can we put into practice caring for those who cannot care for themselves and refusing to let the world pull us away from Jesus?

### **START PRAYING | BE BOLD AND PRAY WITH POWER.**

Lord Jesus, we confess we are much too slow to listen and much too quick to get angry. Help us truly face the spiritual warning lights on the dashboard of our lives and build practices in our daily lives to meet with you. May your Holy Spirit equip and challenge us to spend time with you so that we can serve those who cannot care for themselves and not let the world pull us away from you. In your resurrected name we pray, Amen.

### **START DOING | COMMIT TO A STEP AND LIVE IT OUT THIS WEEK.**

- For more on the book of James, check out this 3-day reading plan:  
<https://www.bible.com/reading-plans/25291-book-of-james>