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A SERMON SERIES IN THE BOOK OF JAMES

## MESSAGE NOTES & SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE WEEK 4 – DO WHAT IT SAYS!

<sup>22</sup>Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says.

<sup>23</sup>Anyone who listens to the word but does not do what it says is like someone who looks at his face in a mirror <sup>24</sup>and, after looking at himself, goes away and immediately forgets what he looks like. <sup>25</sup>But whoever looks intently into the perfect law that gives freedom, and continues in it—not forgetting what they have heard, but doing it—they will be blessed in what they do.

<sup>26</sup>Those who consider themselves religious and yet do not keep a tight rein on their tongues deceive themselves, and their religion is worthless. <sup>27</sup>Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself from being polluted by the world.

– James 1:22-27

### THE IMPORTANCE OF KNOWING AND DOING

- Knowing without doing leads to \_\_\_\_\_
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### KEY TAKEAWAYS

1. Knowing and doing are the pathway to \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_
2. The knowledge of God is \_\_\_\_\_ apart from \_\_\_\_\_ to God

*All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting, and training in righteousness.*

– 2 Timothy 3:16

*For the word of God is alive and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart.*

– Hebrews 4:12

3. Information is inadequate apart from \_\_\_\_\_ leading to \_\_\_\_\_  
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### **ADDITIONAL NOTES**

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### **DIGGING DEEPER:**

1. Why isn't acquiring more knowledge about God the goal of being a follower of Jesus?
2. Why does James say that we are deceived if we merely listen to the Word without putting it into practice in our lives?
3. What is the difference between listening to the Word and putting it into practice in our lives?
4. How might that accumulation of knowledge about God without putting it into practice lead to indifference in our lives?
5. How can knowing without doing lead to devastation?
6. If life transformation is the goal of following Jesus, then why should we seek to know more about him?
7. How are information, application, and life transformation linked to one another?
8. If you have obeyed God's word, then how might you have avoided your greatest regrets?
9. Do you think most Christians having a knowing problem or a doing problem? Explain.
10. What can you do this week to put what you know about God into practice in your life?