

Baycities Lomita Spring 2019 Growth Groups
Series: “What Would James Do?”
Theme: “More Than Words ” The Great News About Placing
Your Life In Jesus’ Hands - Week of March 31, 2019
Follow-Up Bible Study and Discussion Questions

Message Summary: This week is all about the Word of God! It’s God’s No. 1 communication tool between us and Him! It’s more than Words to every Christian, but there is a problem... The Lord planned that it would have a place of importance in the lives of His people... so much so, that hearing it spoken or reading it were not enough... hearing and doing of what it says, applying it to your life in real ways always the key to the life of every disciple of Jesus! It’s proof that you are a real Christian! Obeying it is not optional if you intend to follow Jesus in your life! It is easy to stop short of doing what the Word says! We are naturally curious people and want to see new things especially from the Bible... but putting the truth of God’s Word into play in our lives is a step of faith every time! It’s easy to let busyness or fear or laziness put off what James reminds us is a key to a great spiritual life! Obeying the Word of God put Jesus in charge of the outcomes of your decision making! That’s a recipe for peace! And, the Word of God is FULL of God-authored life answers ready for us to take hold of! The questions as always is: will we? Let’s make the Word of God what it is in reality, in our lives... God- breathed, inspired by Him, and profitable for teaching us, reproving us, correcting us and training us to follow Jesus in every circumstance!

1. What impacted you the most from the message on Sunday?

2. James said we are to become doers of the Word of God, and not just hearers of it. What are some reasons you have observed that we have an appetite for hearing it (reading, Bible Study, Sunday messages, radio & TV messages, etc.) but we have a hard time when we come across something in our hearing of the Word of God we need to do... to actually do that thing? Discuss the problem so many seem to have with doing

3. Joshua 1:8 is a powerful encouragement to making God's Word a big part of your life and daily experience. Look at the passage below and discuss the questions that follow:

Joshua 1:8 “Study this Book of Instruction (God's Word) continually. Meditate on it day and night so you will be sure to obey everything written in it. Only then will you prosper and succeed in all you do.”

- a. Discuss how you can be a person who **studies the Word of God continually**. What does that look like in your life?

 - b. Discuss having a daily “touch” with the Word of God. What are some ways that you can hear the word of God daily?

 - c. How important do you think having a daily “Quiet Time” can be to your spiritual life? What would you want to include in a daily time in the Word of God that you would have? Why did you pick those activities?

 - d. How important is prayer in a daily or regular experience with God and His word?
4. If there was a weekly time for additional bible study and hearing of the Word of God, would that be something you might participate in even if you are part of a Growth Group? Discuss the whys and why nots.
5. Describe one of the best time of hearing and applying the Word of God you have had since becoming a Christian. Discuss why was it so special that you remembered it?