

<b>Welcome</b>	<b>Ice Breaker</b> : What is the hardest test you remember taking? Or in your family, who does everyone lean on in hard times?
<b>Worship ideas</b>	<b>Suggested songs:</b> - #519 <i>Take my Life and Let It Be.</i> #321 <i>Lead Us Heavenly Father, Lead Us.</i> #537 <i>The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want.</i> <i>(NB: 20 files containing about 30 'newer' songs are still available to borrow from the office for groups)</i>
<b>Word (refs.↓)</b>	<i>some suggestions for discussion here – you might prefer to focus on just 2 or 3 questions</i>
James 1:17-18	What has God done for believers according to 1:17-18?
James 1:19	What 3 commands are we to follow in response to that truth of what God has done?
John 14:15	How do we show that we truly love Jesus according to His words in John 14:15?
	Responding to God: Take time to reflect upon the goodness and mercy of God. Consider that the correct response to such love is to love Him back. Write a prayer or poem asking God to speak to you personally about ways to love Him. Ask Him to show you at least one specific way to obey Him out of love as you study this week.
James 1:19	When was a time when you wish you had been “quick to listen” and “slow to speak”?
James 1:20	What is the third command? Why are we to do this according to James 1:20
James 1:21	What is the condition, according to James 1:21, for God's word to truly come into our hearts? Why would failure to do this hinder God's word working in your life?
James 1:25	What does the life of someone described in verse 25 look like?
James 1:26-27	In what specific way can we be deceived, according to these verses?
James 1:27	What can you do to protect yourself from being “polluted by the world” in the coming week?
Acts 15:9 Psalm 51:10	There are those in our society who believe that the primary way to improve man is to cleanse his environment and the pollution which enters man. But Christianity teaches that God cleanses our <b>hearts by faith</b> (Read Acts 15:9) and the Christian must often pray: " <b>Create in me a pure heart, O God.</b> " (Read Psalm 51:10)
<b>Discuss</b>	James reveals several things needed to discover the joy of living for God. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● We must persevere.</li> <li>● We must seek God's wisdom.</li> <li>● Come to appreciate our lot in life.</li> <li>● Stop blaming God or others for our lot in life.</li> <li>● Listen to God.</li> <li>● We must see ourselves as we truly are.</li> <li>● Make a practical response to God's word.</li> <li>● Authentic Christianity produces pure religion by refocusing our lives on the needs of the truly needed.</li> <li>● The result will be joyous living.</li> </ul>
<b>Witness</b>	<b>Pray</b> ❖ Are you angry with someone right now? Is there a person who seems to anger you every time you interact with her/him? Is it all about you or is there really a righteous anger involved? Talk to God about becoming a person who reflects His forgiveness and patience even when there is justification.

