



STUDY GUIDE

JAMES: Week 4 6.30.13

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1. Think about the process of breathing. It's incredible that we need more oxygen and that the only way that we can attain it is through the existing oxygen in our lungs to begin with. Talk about how the incredible need for God's grace in every moment of life. Even the things that He commands us to do, we cannot do unless He enables us to do them.

2. After listening to the sermon this weekend, turn to Matthew 7:15-23. How does this relate to the idea of live, breathe, do?

3. James 1:19-27 is often misunderstood as a passage that supports a works-based salvation. Is this what James is saying? How does verse 18 dis-prove this idea.

4. The idea of God choosing us (as opposed to us choose him) can be a hard doctrine to swallow and understand. Read Ephesians 1:1-6. What does this text teach? Who chose us? When? Why?

5. When you look into the mirror of the Bible, into the things that God has for you, what are some of the blemishes that you see? Name them! Fight them! Share them in the company of your LifeGroup (where appropriate) and ask them to keep you accountable! This is one of the main purposes of caring community.