



## Weekend Recap - Discussion Guide

*James: Living a Genuine Life - Week 5*

*September 8-11*

**Title:** Hearing and Doing the Word

**Big Idea:** A truth not applied is a truth not learned.

**Optional Ice Breaker:** Who is someone in your life that you would call a great listener? What qualities do they have that make them such a great listener? How does this ability impact the way that they interact with people?

### **Discuss:**

1. How well do you listen? What would your family and closest friends say about how well you listen?
2. Which of the three do you struggle with the most? Why?
3. What are some of the triggers that make you quick to speak, slow to listen and quick to anger? How can knowing this change your actions?
4. What does it mean to have a worthless religion?
5. Why is it so easy to be listeners of the Word and not doers?

**For Students:** Where do you see the consequences of a world that is slow to speak, slow to listen and quick to anger? How could you begin to change you and the people around you?

**Challenge:** Identify ways this week to not just be a listener but a doer as well. If your group wants to “do” together, put something on the calendar today. If you’re not sure where to start, check out James 1:27 or [www.centralaz.com/foster-adopt](http://www.centralaz.com/foster-adopt)

### **Scriptures**

- Proverbs 10:19 When words are many, sin is not absent, but he who holds his tongue is wise.
- Proverbs 17:28 Even a fool is thought wise if he keeps silent, and discerning if he holds his tongue.
- Proverbs 29:20 Do you see a man who speaks in haste? There is more hope for a fool than for him.

**Prayer:** Ask God to show you where you can be a better do-er.

**Next Week-Sneak Peek:** Read James 2:1-13. What stands out to you? What do you think is the big idea of this passage?