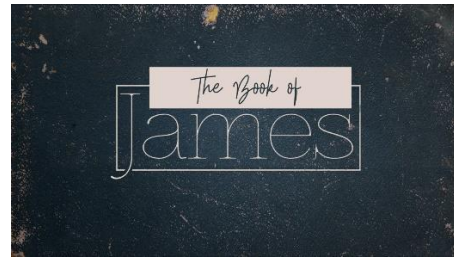


Eastridge Church
Sermon Study Questions

James: The Way Jesus' People Can Rise Above

Week 3: Strangely Winsome

Passage: James 1:19-27



Conversation Starter:

Would you rather lose the ability to listen or lose the ability to speak?

Re-read James 1:19-27

In the opening verse James does not mince words. He dives right into a very practical yet challenging statement regarding how our emotions (in this case anger) can prevent us from producing the righteousness that God wants in our lives. *What is an emotion that you struggle to bring in line with God's word and will?*

In our current culture, telling someone how to behave or what to feel/not feel is highly offensive. Pastor Dwain pointed out that we live in a time when **"Feelings have become the new absolute!"** *How have you seen or experienced this? What is at the heart of this mentality? How can we guard against getting drawn into it?*

At one point in the sermon, Pastor Dwain highlighted the point that **"Righteousness is an inspired thing, not a forced thing."** *How would you unpack this point in your own words? How would this statement change the demeanor of someone that was seeking after righteousness? Where should we look to get inspired?*

Finally, we were left with a challenge to "make goodness look possible and attractive as opposed to impossible and offensive". *Why would it be easier to make "goodness" look impossible and offensive? How would we practically make "goodness" possible and attractive?*

Close your time in prayer. Ask that God would inspire you towards righteousness as you consider the one who modeled perfect righteousness in our midst. Pray that He would further transform you to produce righteousness that is magnetic to the world around you for His glory.