

## DOING LIFE TOGETHER

9. Why is meeting the physical needs of the hurting and helpless so important for the Christ follower?

Why is this often difficult?

10. What would change in your life if you took seriously James' admonition to care for the less fortunate?

11. How might we as brothers and sisters in Christ help each other avoid being "hearers only"?

12. What step can you take this week to make your faith in Christ and the power of the gospel more evident to others?

### Prayer Requests

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November 12, 2017

Hearing, Doing, Standing Firm  
Matthew 7:24-29

*What do I need to do with what I have heard today?*

## GROWTH GROUP HOMEWORK

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### THINKING THINGS THROUGH

1. Why does the saying, "Actions speak louder than words," resonate with people?

2. Why do people look for consistency between a person's speech and actions?

### DIGGING DEEPER

READ JAMES 1:22-25

3. James wrote that we deceive ourselves if we limit our faith to hearing the Word and not putting it into action. Why do we often hear and not do when it comes to Scripture?

What does this say about our faith (vv. 23-24)?

4. When do you find it the hardest to put into action what you know God's Word says?

Does this show up in one area of your life more than another? Explain your response.

5. Make a list of the differences between the people described in verses 23-25.

How can we be sure that we are the right kind of hearer?

What do we risk happening when we are hearers only?

READ JAMES 1:26-27

6. Why do you think James singled out caring for orphans and widows as an example of faith in action?

What do you imagine their plight was in James' day?

What is it like today?

7. In verse 27, James included two things that describe genuine religion. Why did he pick those two things?

How are each connected to a relationship with Jesus?

8. What truths of Scripture are we putting into action when we meet the needs of others? Read Matthew 25:35-40 for Jesus' teaching on this matter.