

Review:

Lesson 1: Faith and Adversity

Lesson 2: Faith and Temptations

Faith and God's Word

James 1:19-27

Authentic Christian faith approaches God's Word with humility and meekness, and with _____ whatsoever. When we weaponize the Word to fit our cultural or political agendas, our anger prevails...and no good comes of it.

Discussion 1. How do you know if you are bringing “an agenda” to your study and interpretation of God's Word? What are some practical ways you can help yourself avoid doing that?

Yes, one of the problems in the church today is Christ followers who do not know their Bible. But isn't the bigger problem Christians who _____ the Word but do not _____ the Word?

Discussion 2. Reading/Studying the Bible is a good regular discipline for **KNOWING** the Word. Can you think of any regular disciplines to help you make sure you are **DOING** the Word?

Scripture's perspective on the person who hears and knows God's Word but does not actually live out God's Word is that he/she is _____ and _____ at best, and utterly rebellious at worst.

Discussion 3. What is the difference between a Bible teacher who helps you **KNOW** the Word and one who actually helps you **DO** the Word? What is it about discussing the Bible with friends or family that actually helps you be a doer of the Word?

Authentic faith will show in our _____. It shows compassion for the marginalized and it does not connect itself to the power structures of this world.

Discussion 4. Do you think following Christ is a lifestyle? Why or why not?

Discussion 5. How does this lesson cause you to pray? How does it prepare your heart for worship?