

[Do What it Says](#) (2019 FBC VBS song)

**James 1:22** Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourself. Do what it says.

*Optional discussion questions/conversation starters:*

- Old Testament or New Testament? (New) Who is the author of this book? (James) It was most likely written before 50 AD, making it the earliest of the New Testament writings (with the possible exception of Galatians).
- What type of writing is it? (a letter)
- Who is James? James was one of several brothers of Jesus. At first, he challenged Jesus and did not believe in him. Later he became the leader of the Jerusalem church.
- To whom is he writing this letter? Early Jewish believers “scattered among the nations” (James 1:1).
- What is “the word”? (God’s teaching)
- What does it mean to “listen” to the word?
- What does it mean to “deceive yourself”?
- How do we “deceive ourselves” if we only listen “to the word” and not “do what it says”?
- What does it mean to “do what it says”? (live the way God wants us to live; to live a Christian life)
- Read James 1:23-24. Discuss.
- Read 1:25. Discuss.
- What are some things we can do to help ourselves do what God says through the Bible?

- Ask each person to share something for which they would like prayed. Close in prayer (can be led by one person or each person can pray), specifically including everyone's prayer requests, and asking God to help us live the life God wants us to live!
- Finish by singing the song again!

*Optional activity during the week: Put Others First*

*by Dana Twichell*

- How many ways can you find to intentionally put others first and go LAST today?
- Each time you have an opportunity to go first today, say, "Because I love you (or because I really care), I would like to go last!"
- Each time you do this, think about how it would have felt to go first, and how it feels to love someone to let them go first instead!
- Can you feel the difference!
- That is CHOOSING love!

**Previous Weeks' Lessons:**

[June 21, 2020 – Servant of All](#)

[June 14, 2020 - Trust](#)

[May 31, 2020 - Young](#)

[May 24, 2020 – Word of God](#)

[May 17, 2020 – More Than Conquerors](#)

[May 10, 2020 – The Light of the World](#)

[May 3, 2020 – The Good Song](#)

[April 26, 2020 – The Word of the Lord](#)

[April 19, 2020 – Never Be Shaken](#)

[April 12, 2020 – Jesus Christ is Lord](#)

[April 5, 2020 – Out of the Mud](#)

[March 29, 2020 - Treasure](#)

[March 22, 2020 – Do Not Be Anxious](#)

