

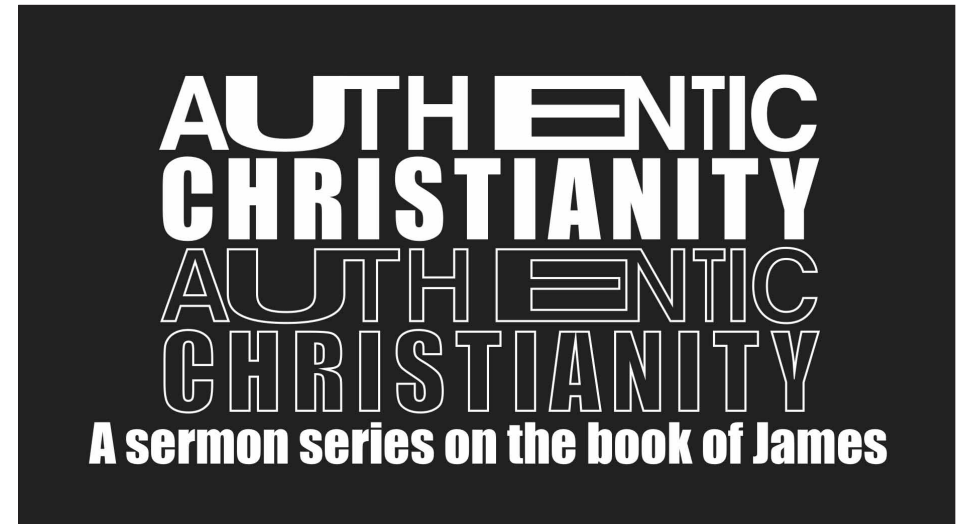
Emmanuel Prayer Needs

Small Groups - Pastor Shawn

- Giving thanks for the number of small groups
- Pastor Shawn's work as encourager, coordinator and mentor for the group leaders
- Leaders who are willing and capable to facilitate the groups
- Small Groups are coming together after a summer break, may include new people
- New Small Groups are being formed
- Results are Spiritual growth, stronger bond as friends who learn & pray together
- Hosts who graciously open their homes each week
- Pray that God will open hearts to create new groups: Milford, South Bay, Consecon, Carrying Place and Trenton.

Study continued

7. From James 1:25, what should be our response to God's word, and what is the promise if we do? Explain.
8. James 1:26-27 gives us three things that will be true in our lives when we humbly accept the Word of God, and do what it says. What are they? What will this look like in your own life?
 1. (v.26. Also read Ephesians 4:29)
 2. (v.27. Also read Matthew 25:34-40)
 3. (v.27. Also read Romans 12:1-2)



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

THE POWER TO CHANGE

James 1:19-27



**Congregational Meeting
Tonight, Sunday Oct 6th
6.30pm**

**Everybody welcome and
encouraged to attend**

THE POWER TO CHANGE James 1:19-27

Acts 1:8 You will receive _____ when the Holy Spirit comes upon you.

THE POWER OF GOD

James 1:19-20 Everyone should be:

2 Peter 1:3-4 His divine power has given you....

GET RID

James 1:21 Get Rid of...

Romans 12:2 Do not _____ to the pattern of this world, but be _____ by the _____ of your mind.

HUMBLY ACCEPT

James 1:21 To humbly accept implies:

The word planted in you (The engrafted word):

James 1:22-24 Do not merely listen to the word, and so _____

DO WHAT IT SAYS

When we humbly accept the Word and do what it says, there will be no inconsistency between my faith and...

1. _____ (v. 26)

Ephesians 4:29

2. _____ (v.27a)

Matthew 25:34-40

3. _____ (v.27b)

Romans 12:1-2

1. Read James 1:19-27. What is the primary message that you get from this passage personally? We are told to not just listen, but do what it says - How can you accomplish it?

2. Read 2 Peter 1:3-4. What does Peter say that His divine power (the Holy Spirit) has given us?

What are we told that His very great and precious promises will accomplish in our lives?

3. James' instructions to his readers are written in light of the trials and temptations that the original readers of this letter were going through. In the midst of difficult times it is easy to react in a way that isn't godly, and in the way we used to respond, prior to becoming Christians. From James 1:19-20, what do we need to do in order to start to change the way we respond to these things?

4. What does James 1:21 tell us to get rid of? Explain.

From the way that it is worded in this verse, these are kind of 'hangover sins' that we brought from our old life, before we became Christians. We now need to 'get rid' of them. From this verse, what is the primary way that we deal with these things? What does it mean to "humbly" accept God's Word?

These sins in our lives can cause us to respond in the wrong manner. What is the encouragement, and warning, that is at the end of verse 21?

5. Read James 1:22. Why are we deceiving ourselves if we just 'listen' to the word, and don't do what it says?

6. Read James 1:23-25. James gives an example of a person looking in a mirror. How does this metaphor apply to our lives with regard to our spiritual condition? In what way is the word of God a mirror to our souls?