

COMMUNITY GROUP GUIDE

DIY FAITH

9/4/2025

Read together: **James 1:22–25 (NIV) Matthew 7:24–27 (NIV)**

1. **What does James' mirror analogy reveal about the difference between hearing and doing the word of God?**

How have you experienced this in your own spiritual walk?

2. **Which listening style do you most often use when engaging with Scripture—and how might that impact your spiritual growth?**

- Empathetic listening- Heartfelt connection
- Active listening - Engaged conversation
- Reflective listening - Mirroring emotions
- Content listening - Focus on the message
- Selective listening - Tuning in selectively
- Sympathetic listening - Sharing emotions
- Therapeutic listening - Healing conversation
- Biased listening - Filtering
- Appreciative listening - Encouraging the speaker
- Transformative – Listen to understand, be changed, and act

Why is transformative listening imperative to following Jesus?

- **James says we deceive ourselves when we hear the word but don't act on it.**

3. **What are some ways this self-deception shows up in everyday life?**

Can you think of an area in your life where God is speaking and you're "just listening"?

4. **How does the act of "transformative listening" challenge the way we approach sermons, Bible studies, or personal devotion?**

What would it look like if your life were truly changed by what you hear from the word of God?

5. **What does it mean to "look intently into the perfect law that gives freedom"?**

How does this kind of focus differ from casual or routine Bible reading?

6. **In what ways does the Bible act as a mirror in your life?**

7. **What has God recently revealed to you that requires you to take action and apply His words?**

8. **Matthew 7 compares two builders—one wise, one foolish. What foundation are you building your life on, and how do your actions reflect that?**

What storms have tested your foundation lately?

Closing Challenge:

Take one truth from today's discussion and commit to living it out this week. Write it down. Share it with someone. Pray over it.