



SCRIPTURE: James 1:19-25

SERIES: Summer Psalms

TITLE: Gospel Integration

CIT: James encourages believers to respond to struggles with joy and to fully integrate the Word into their daily lives as doers, not just hearers.

TEXT

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²²But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves. ²³For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man who looks intently at his natural face in a mirror. ²⁴For he looks at himself and goes away and at once forgets what he was like. ²⁵But the one who looks into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and perseveres, being no hearer who forgets but a doer who acts, he will be blessed in his doing. ¹

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¹ [*The Holy Bible: English Standard Version*](#) (Wheaton, IL: Crossway Bibles, 2025), Jas 1:19–25.

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1. GOSPEL INTEGRATION STARTS WITH BEING TEACHABLE.

Application Question: How are you receiving the Word?

- What makes teachability difficult?
- Why is anger a good weather-mark for teachability?
- What does it mean to receive the Word?
 - o What are the ways we foster receiving the Word?
- What is one area we can become more teachable in?

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2. GOSPEL INTEGRATION IS ABOUT WHO WE ARE BECOMING, NOT BEHAVIOR MODIFICATION.

Application Question: Who are you becoming?

- What is the warning in this verse?
- What is the difference in “be a doer” and simply “do better”?
- What are examples of behavior modification that miss the point of true heart-level transformation?
- How is hearing without action a form of self-deception?

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3. GOSPEL INTEGRATION HAPPENS NATURALLY WHEN WE KNOW WHO WE BELONG TO.

Application Question: Who do you belong to?

- Why do you think the mirror is used as the illustration here?
- How does God’s Word reveal who we are?
 - o How does it reveal whose we are?
- How does our identity being located in the right place affect our lifestyle?
- In what places in our life do we need to better integrate our faith?