

January 18 – *All In: Engage*

Moving from Spectators to Participants (James 1:19–25)

Icebreaker

Have you ever learned a lot about something (a hobby, skill, or job) but never actually practiced it? What kept you from engaging?

Discussion Questions

1. From Encourage to Engage

Last week focused on encouragement strengthening the heart; this week moves us toward participation.

- Why do you think encouragement is necessary *before* engagement?
- What happens spiritually when someone stays encouraged but never steps into action?

2. “Be Quick to Listen, Slow to Speak, Slow to Become Angry”

James shows that engagement begins with *who we are*, not just *what we do*.

- Which of these three is most challenging for you right now?
- How does poor listening, careless speech, or unmanaged anger hinder our witness and our growth?

3. Being Before Doing

The sermon emphasized that our **BE-ing comes before our DO-ing**.

- What does it look like to get our “being” right before rushing into action for God?
- How can misplaced action—even good action—become unhelpful or unholy if our hearts aren’t aligned?

4. From Hearers to Doers

James warns that listening without action leads to self-deception and spiritual stagnation.

- Where is it easiest for you to *listen* but hardest to *do*?
- What is one small, concrete step of obedience God might be inviting you into right now?

Takeaway / Application

Faith that doesn’t move our feet hasn’t reached our heart.

God is not calling us to perfection—He’s calling us to **participation**. This week:

- Identify **one way** you can engage your faith—serving, encouraging someone, joining a group, or stepping into obedience you’ve delayed.
- Remember: **Availability matters more than ability**.
Put the car in gear, trust God with the results, and take the next step toward an *All In* life.