

Preaching Schedule

August 28

James 1:1-8 - Introduction

September 4

James 1:9-18 - Overcoming Temptation

September 11

James 1:19-25 - Listen Up

September 18 - Jubilee Sunday

James 1:26-27 - Pure Religion

September 25

James 2:1-13 - No Favorites

October 2

James 2:14-26 - Faith Works

October 9

James 3:1-12 - Taming the Tongue

October 16 - KCOC Fall Festival

James 3:13-18 - Wisdom Worth Seeking

October 23

James 4:1-10 - Friendship w/ the World

October 30

James 4:11-17 - Words, Mist & Plans

November 6

James 5:1-6 - How to Be Rich (&Poor)

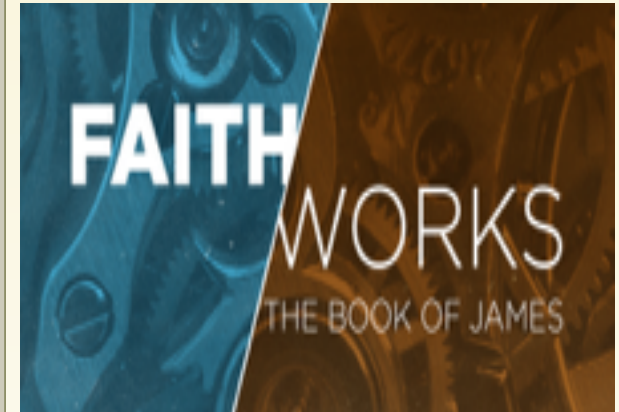
November 13

James 5:7-12 - Patience & Trust

November 20

James 5:13-20 - Prayer & Faith

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James Reading Guide

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Why Study/Preach James?

James is often called the “how to” book of the New Testament. It is a practical book, which is why so many people gravitate to its pages.

In 108 verses, James attempts to provide the church with a healthy dose of comforting and challenging words. His goal is for them to develop into mature, devoted, faithful Jesus-followers, even though they lived in a world that was becoming more and more hostile toward them.

The book of James fits the Kaufman Church of Christ so well for this season in our church’s life. Over the last few years we have been learning, growing and living out our faith in new ways.

God has opened so many doors for our KCOC family. We have a growing reach and connection within our Jerusalem (Kaufman/Kaufman County) and strong partnerships that reach into Judea (CitySquare), Samaria (Whetstone Boys Ranch) and the ends of the earth (Kazakhstan, Mexico, Ghana).

As we lean into where God is leading our church we must commit to be faithful with what we have been given. Ultimately, we can neither afford to serve without faith or have a faith that is void of service.

This is why we’re studying James this fall. James engages the important topic of how to live as people whose FAITH....WORKS.

James says, “*I by my works will show you my faith.*” (NRSV)

Never before has there been more need in our world for people of faith to show that faith in the way they live and love.

Now is a great time for this study.
And I’m excited to go on the journey with you.

- Doug

Reading Schedule

Week of August 22 – 27

Read, Reflect and Pray - **James 1:1-8**

Week of August 28 – September 3

Read, Reflect and Pray - **James 1:9-18**

Week of September 4 – 10

Read, Reflect and Pray - **James 1:19-25**

Week of September 11 – 17

Read, Reflect and Pray - **James 1:26-27**

Week of September 18 – 24

Read, Reflect and Pray - **James 2:1-13**

Week of September 25 - October 1

Read, Reflect and Pray - **James 2:14-26**

Week of October 2 – 8

Read, Reflect and Pray - **James 3:1-12**

Week of October 9 – 15

Read, Reflect and Pray - **James 3:13-18**

Week of October 16 – 22

Read, Reflect and Pray - **James 4:1-10**

Week of October 23 – 29

Read, Reflect and Pray - **James 4:11-17**

Week of October 30 – November 5

Read, Reflect and Pray - **James 5:1-6**

Week of November 6 – 12

Read, Reflect and Pray - **James 5:7-12**

Week of November 13 – 19

Read, Reflect and Pray - **James 5:13-20**

How To Use The Reading Guide:

Our hope is that this will be a close reading of James.

In other words, we want to read it ***slowly*** and ***be purposeful*** about the wording, phrases and ideas that are expressed.

For this reason the plan is to read shorter sections during the 13 weeks we’ll study the book this fall. Each of the reading sections will also be the sermon text ***for the Sunday following the reading.***

Suggestions For A Close Reading:

1. Read the section once a day during every day of the week.
2. As you read, pause between verses and briefly reflect on what was written.
3. Turn the section you read into a prayer. You might even write out prayers from the Scriptures you read. Turning the reading into a prayer will help with memorization and allowing God’s word to sink into your heart.
4. After reading each day ask yourself:
 - a. What is God saying to you through this passage?
 - b. What, if anything, do you need to do about what God is saying?