

James

James 1:26-27

9.29.13

Reminders

- Be Hospitable – Own your 10 feet. Anyone have a story of hospitality to share?
- Pray for a more permanent Home for Exodus

Remember

Read James 1:26-27

What are some things that stand out to you from the passage or from listening to the sermon from Sunday?

Talk about the adoption video. Pray for the Adams and Nettles in their journey.

Deepen

Use the following points to discuss the sermon

Worthless Religion is dangerous and deceptive.

- Why is worthless religion so dangerous in any culture?
- When you read passages like Matthew 7:21-23 what do you think and feel?
- How can we practice 2 Corinthians 13:5-10 to crush the deceiving power of worthless religion?

Pure Religion affects every part of our lives.

- James is pushing us toward gospel transformation in all of life. What are the parts of your life where the gospel consistently wants to press in?
- How does James 1:2-4 connect with this idea?
- What are some resistance points for you when the gospel presses into an area of your life?

Pure Religion involves serving those who can't serve us.

- James uses supporting orphans and widows as an example of serving others. What are some ways your group has served others recently?
- Read Galatians 6:2-5. What are some boundaries around how we serve one another in the Body of Christ? How should this passage guide our expectations? Guide our service?

Pure Religion involves being where we might get stained.

- James, like Jesus, calls us to be in the world, but not of the world. What are some recent opportunities you have for this?
- Read John 17:14-19. How does Jesus pray for us? How does this connect to James 1:27?

Transform

How might we know if we are lying to ourselves about spiritual things? How can having relationships in community help this?

How can we get the gospel from our head into our hands?

What are some specific ways we can apply this passage this week?