

**SCC Small Group Study – January 22, 2023**  
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**Learning to Hear God's Voice**  
**James 1:19-25**

**Getting Started:**

In what situations are you tempted to say one thing and do another?

Why is it sometimes difficult to be a good listener?

**Searching the Scriptures:**

Read James 1:19-22

A. Think of a situation in which you were not pleased how you listened to someone else. Then think of one where you were not pleased how someone listened to you. What was the frustration you felt?

B. What are some of the roots or triggers of anger? What are its effects?

Read Hebrews 4:12–13

C. What about the “word (Logos) planted in you” helps you most in battling anger, moral filth, and evil? In what part of your life would you like most to apply God’s word rather than just listening to it?

Read James 1:23-25

D. God's mirror into our lives is unique. It shows our inner nature in the same way a regular mirror shows our exterior features. "Looking and forgetting" is contrasted with "looking intently" which literally means "to stoop and look" (In John 20:11 Mary stooped down and looked into the tomb). What are some practical ways we can "continue in" and do the word?

E. What have you done in your own Bible study and "Quiet Times" that has been helpful? How would you like to be more consistent in this endeavor?

James mentions what he means by the "perfect law" in verse 2:8: *"If you really fulfill the royal law according to the scripture "You shall love your neighbor as yourself" you are doing well."*

Jesus also says in the gospel of John *"If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free."* John 8:31-32

F. How does obeying a law or teaching make us free?

**Application of Scripture:**

A. Who are you mad at right now? Is anyone you know mad at you?

B. How has one of your relationships changed for the better by applying these principles?

C. How can the group pray for you in an area of living out your commitment to listen to and do God's word?