



Sermon Main Idea:

Good communication and a flourishing Kingdom life flow out of a relationship with “the perfect law that brings freedom” (Jesus Christ).

Introduction:

1. Who is someone you know that is a good listener? How do they listen well? How does it impact you?
2. What people are “the least of these” in our community, country, and world today?

SORP:

Scripture | read James 1:19-27

Observation | what do we notice? what stands out?

1. James says that “human anger does not produce the righteousness that God desires.” What does human anger produce? (verse 20)
2. Discuss the meaning of James’s analogy of the man looking in the mirror in verses 23-25. How does it relate to being doers of the word?
3. How is “merely [listening] to the word” deceiving yourself? (verse 22)
4. Read James 3:1-12. What do these verses clarify about reigning the tongue? (verse 26)
5. What does it mean to be polluted by the world?

Response | how can we respond in our lives to what we learn?

1. How have you seen or experienced the fruit of human anger?
2. What does it take to be in a place where you can be “quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry?” How can you begin to orient yourself toward that posture?
3. What are some ways that you can look “intently into the perfect law that gives freedom” and continue in it? (verse 25)
4. Why is it so difficult to keep a tight rein of our tongues? Why do we tend to allow our tongues to reign over us?
5. How might you step into the pure and faultless religion that James talks about in verse 27?
6. How might God be calling you to respond to His Word today?

Prayer | ask God to help you live out your response