



## GOING DEEPER AT HOME

### MAY 1: LISTEN

We are bombarded with messages all the time, asking us to listen and act. A 2016 study found that the average person is exposed to 450 hours of commercials every year. That means if you live to 80 years old you will have spent 4 years of your life listening to advertisers trying to convince you to buy their product. But do we? Do we do what they want? As James continues to write his letter to the early church he calls them to listen, to listen to each other and to listen to God. But when it comes to this listening, especially to God, he reminds us of the need to also act or do what we hear God telling us.

### SCRIPTURE:

James 1:19 - 27

### GOING DEEPER QUESTIONS:

1. What is your favourite TV commercial? Have you ever bought something you saw on a commercial?
2. What is something from the message that stood out to you, was new to you or challenged you?
3. James tells us to be "quick to listen, slow to talk." Have you had situations where you did the opposite of this? What is the problem with that & why does James want us to act this way?
4. What is the difference between human anger and righteous anger?
5. In verse 21 James tells us to get rid of filth, which is the word the Greeks used for earwax. How is this connected to anger & how does it prevent us from listening?
6. Why does James emphasis listening to God and doing what He says? How is this connected to looking in a mirror and forgetting what you look like?
7. Who are the widows & orphans, the disadvantaged, in our community that God is calling us to care for?
8. What step is the Holy Spirit inviting you take right now?