**PRACTICAL CHRISTIAN LIVING**

**A Study of the Book of James**

(James 1:19 - 2:26 - Be a Doer of God’s Word)

*“Can You Walk the Talk?”*

Introduction: James has a specific problem which he wants to address. This section is at the heart and core of his message. The question is this: Can a person be and remain in a close relationship with God by simply saying, “I believe in Christ. I am a Christian, but I don’t have to act like a Christian”?

**1:19-21 Doing God’s Word Starts with Hearing God’s Word**

What three things keep people from listening to God?

a)

b)

c)

Explain how those three things keep us from listening to God?

During worship what (other than noisy children and first responder sirens) keeps you from taking Word to heart, really paying attention to what He says?

How do we combat those things that keep us from hearing God’s word?

a)

b)

c) (vs22)

**1:22-27 Also, Walk the Talk**

How does real faith become evident in real life?

a)

b)

c)

**1:26-27 Don’t Be a Sunday Christian**

1:27 “religion” - the word used here refers to external ceremonies and practices

**2:1-9 A Doer of God’s Word Does Not Fall into Partiality**

**2:1-4**

Agree or Disagree: Racial prejudice is a sin.

To whom does God’s gospel invitation extend? (Matthew 28:18-20)

What kind of favoritism does James zero in on here in these verses?

Let’s say the District Mission Board says to you: “We would love to start a new congregation in the Atlanta area: your choices are Buckhead or Grove Park. Where would you like to help?”

What is often the spiritual condition of the rich? Why is that? (Amos 5:12; 6:6,7)

**2:5-7**

Why does God show special honor to the lowly of the world? (1Corinthians 1:27-29)

**2:8-9**

Why do partiality, prejudice, class arrogance, racism and favoritism infuriate God?

Why will we not show partiality, be prejudiced or racist? (2Corinthians 5:14,15)