

# The Book

## of James

### LEADER CONVERSATION GUIDE—WEEK TWO

#### MAIN IDEA

In a scattered generation, we have to determine if the world or the Word will be the basis for how we live our lives. When we have an attitude that gratefully receives, humbly accepts, and intently embraces the truth of God's Word, we will be blessed!

#### MAKE IT PRACTICAL

- Get a paper Bible.
- Set aside time to read, study, and meditate on God's Word.
- Have a Bible reading plan. Check out the One Year Bible reading plan on the Highlands App!

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*JAMES 1:27*

#### TALK ABOUT IT

1. What does it look like to "love God's Word"? How do you incorporate God's Word into your daily life?
2. Think about a time when a truth in God's Word felt confrontational to you. When you accepted that truth and applied it to your life, what changed? How did you feel about the change?
3. At the end of the message, Pastor Chris talked about the importance of embracing God's emphasis on both justice (advocating for anyone who is oppressed) and righteousness (living pure, upright lives) as believers. Do you tend to focus more on righteousness or justice in your own walk with God? What does it look like to practically pursue both?

**"DON'T JUST READ THE BIBLE. LET THE BIBLE READ YOU."**

## PRAYER

Jesus, we ask for a renewed hunger for Your Word. We are so grateful for what You have done for us, and we ask You to help us accept what the Bible says with humility and let the direction of our lives be determined by the truth of Your Word.

## LEADER TIPS

- Make sure you ask questions and get to know each of your group members. Create space in your meeting time to build community.
- Ask your group members for specific ways you can pray for them this week. Consider swapping prayer cards and encouraging group members to pray for each other.
- Connect with your Small Groups Coach and tell them what you're praying God will do in your group this semester.