

**Scripture** | James 1:19-27

**Ice Breaker** | 1. If you could learn any skill in the world without trying (like in *The Matrix*), which skill would you choose?

**Going Deeper** |

1. Is there anything that stood out to you from Sunday's message, or do you have any questions?
2. Read James 1:19-27
3. James 1:19 encourages us to be "quick to listen, slow to speak, and slow to become angry." How can we apply this principle in our daily lives, and why is it important?
4. What are some common situations in which people struggle with being slow to speak and quick to become angry? How can we respond differently in those situations?
5. James talks about "getting rid of all moral filth and the evil that is so prevalent" (James 1:21). What does this mean, and how can we actively work to remove these from our lives?
6. Andre used the analogy of coding to talk about how when we come to faith in Jesus and allow God to lead our life, we inherit God's behaviours. What do you think Andre meant when he said that we inherit behaviors from God?
7. In what ways can you see the inherited characteristics of God in your life and actions?
8. James 1:22-25 compares hearing and doing the word of God to looking in a mirror and forgetting what you look like. Why is it important to not only listen to God's word but also to actively apply it in our lives?
9. Discuss the concept of self-deception mentioned in James 1:22. How can we guard against deceiving ourselves when it comes to our faith and actions?
10. In James 1:27, we are called to look after orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself from being polluted by the world. How can we practically fulfill these commands in our modern context?
11. How can we avoid contamination from worldly influences and keep our faith pure? What steps can you take in your own life to limit exposure to negative influences and focus more on your spiritual growth?
12. Why do you think Andre suggested spending time in scripture, seeking guidance from leaders, and making God's teachings a priority? How can you make an intentional effort to follow this advice and grow in your relationship with God this week?

