



James

Part 4 – How to Get Something from the Bible Discussion Guide

We have more access to the Bible now than ever before. There are 61 English translations available on YouVersion, the Bible app. All free. That is just in English. The Bible has been translated into 698 different languages. But it is not enough to just have access to the Bible. You have to be able to get something from the Bible.

Jump Start

1. Did you attend Rise: Night of Worship or the Men's Breakfast? What was your major take away?
2. Read [James 1:19-20, Proverbs 18:13, and Matthew 7:7-8](#). What do you initially observe about these verses? Take a moment and pray about what God may be saying to you through them. List the three directions from James and the three action verbs from the Matthew passage. How might following these help you to not only be hearers of the Word but doers as well?
3. *Impatience*. Read [James 1:22, Luke 11:28, Romans 12:1-2, and Psalm 119:9](#). Why is spending time with God necessary for growth? Why is your time a sacrifice and an act of worship? What benefits do you receive through spending time with God and in His Word?
4. Read [James 1:21](#). The word for "filth" is a rare word that has the idea of wax in your ears. How does sin affect your spiritual hearing? How does this wax build up in our lives?
5. *Look intently*. Read [James 1:24-26 and 1 Corinthians 10:13](#). Why is it so easy for us to receive truth without reflecting on it or putting it into practice with our lives? Is there a simple way you could pursue pure speech, loving care, and holy living this week?
6. Read [Song of Songs 2:15, Galatians 5:16, and John 15:16](#). Is there an area of your life that you feel is "off limits" to God? What "small thing" that you believe is too minor for God's attention are you aware is sin? Why are you reluctant to give this over to Jesus? What is one positive step you can take in that direction? Audit your schedule. What time are you going to make consistently available to God?

Deeper

Complete before Life Group

We will learn how to complete a **S. O. A. P. Bible Study** by looking at one passage of scripture and breaking it down. **Scripture Observation Application Prayer**. Let's get ready to sit down with the Bible and listen to what God wants to speak to us. Completing this study during your quiet time, then sharing with your Life Group can allow for deeper understanding and revelation of new perspectives. **Things you will need:** Bible, Notebook, Pen.

7. **Scripture.** Read [Romans 12:1-3](#). What stood out to you the most about these verses?

Open your Bible to your reading for the day. Take time to read the passage and allow God to speak to you. When you are done, look for a verse that particularly spoke to you and write it in your journal.

8. **Observe.** What is God saying to you in this text?

What do you think God is saying to you (personally) in this Scripture? Ask the Holy Spirit to teach you and reveal Jesus to you.

9. **Application.** How will you apply [Romans 12:1-3](#)?

Personalize what you have read by asking yourself how it applies to your life right now. Perhaps it is instruction, encouragement, a new promise, or corrections for a particular area of your life. Write down how this Scripture can apply to you today.

10. **Pray.** Pray about what you have read in [Romans 12:1-3](#).

This prayer can be as simple as asking God to help you use this Scripture, or even a prayer for a greater insight on what He may be revealing to you. Remember, prayer is a two-way conversation, so be sure to listen to what God has to say! Now, write it out. Journaling your quiet time helps you to see what God is teaching you over time.