

FBC Groups Ministry Discussion Guide

From Simple Church? A Series Based on Matthew 16:18

Part Four: “A Church Who Loves the Word” James 1:22–25

What does it mean to be the church? When Jesus took off His tool belt to begin His earthly ministry, He promised that He would be the one to build His church. Many people missed it because of how they viewed Jesus from their past. Is there anything from your past that is causing you to miss what Jesus is building today? This week we consider the importance of the Word when it comes to being the church. Why is obedience to the Word so important? Read James 1:22–25

Jesus wants us to be a church who loves His Word, which means:

Accepting the Command to be More than Listeners

Acknowledging that Listening and Obeying are not the same thing

Acting on what we learn from the Word through application and obedience

Questions for Group Discussion:

1. Why is the Bible so important to the church?
2. What ways can we deceive ourselves?
3. What role does the Bible play in the building of the church?
4. When is the last time you read your Bible on your own?
5. What is the difference between hearing and doing?
6. Share a time when you forgot to look in the mirror and regretted it later.
7. Is it easier to remember what you look like or what someone else looks like?
8. Why is obedience and application so important for a Bible study?

Final Thoughts and Closing Prayer:

What will I do to be more obedient to God’s Word this week?

How will I pray and live differently because of this study?

Notes & Reflections: