

EXPOSED! (James 1:19-27)
Study Questions

Ice-Breaker: Play a short game of the dictionary game. Have someone look up the correct definition of one of the following words *foraminifer*, *isochroous* or *bersagliere*. Have the other group members write down what they think the word means on a slip of paper and hand it to the leader who shuffles all the definitions, including the correct one. After the leader reads all the definitions, group members try to guess which one is the correct definition.

Read 1:19-21

1. Good relationships are characterized by good communication. List the principles from these verses that provide directions for developing good relationships with God and other people.
2. How do these principles apply in our relationship with God? How do they apply in our relationships with people? Can you give any personal examples of how these principles have worked in your life? Are there any principles listed here that you need to work on?

Read 1:22-25

3. A hypocrite is someone who either says one thing and then does another or gives an outward impression of something that really is not true. How do we live hypocritical lives according to these verses?
4. What needs to take place if the cycle of hypocrisy is to be broken in a person's life (v25)?
5. Are there any areas in your life where you have struggled or are currently struggling between knowing what is right and actually doing what is right?

Read 1:26-28

6. Compare "worthless religion" with "religion God accepts".

Worthless Religion

Religion God Accepts

7. How would you characterize the two different "religions"?
8. How might you and your group practice the religion God accepts this coming week?