

**BIG IDEA:**

God's Word is not for you to \_\_\_\_\_... but truly, for the Word

- to \_\_\_\_\_ *your* life and
- for *you* to \_\_\_\_\_ what it reveals.

**James 1:18-25 (NIV)**

<sup>18</sup> He chose to give us birth through the word of truth, that we might be a kind of firstfruits of all he created.

<sup>19</sup> My dear brothers, take note of this: Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry, <sup>20</sup> for man's anger does not bring about the righteous life that God desires.

<sup>21</sup> Therefore, get rid of all moral filth and the evil that is so prevalent and humbly accept the word planted in you, which can save you.

<sup>22</sup> Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says. <sup>23</sup> Anyone who listens to the word but does not do what it says is like a man who looks at his face in a mirror <sup>24</sup> and, after looking at himself, goes away and immediately forgets what he looks like. <sup>25</sup> But the man who looks intently into the perfect law that gives freedom, and continues to do this, not forgetting what he has heard, but doing it—he will be blessed in what he does.

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**DEFINING**

- \_\_\_\_\_ // Gives new \_\_\_\_\_ (vs. 18)
- \_\_\_\_\_ // Rescues from \_\_\_\_\_ (vs. 21)
- \_\_\_\_\_ // Gives \_\_\_\_\_ (vs. 25)

From the period of the Enlightenment...

- ✓ Freedom = the "absence of \_\_\_\_\_."

During the period of the Biblical writers...

- ✓ Freedom = the “release to be truly who you were \_\_\_\_\_ to be.”

## PREPARING

- \_\_\_\_\_ with desire to act upon it (vs. 19)
- \_\_\_\_\_ tendency to speak first and only listen for affirmation of own views (vs. 19)
- \_\_\_\_\_ aside personal agenda (vs. 19)

## RECEIVING

- \_\_\_\_\_ // \_\_\_\_\_ // \_\_\_\_\_  
(vs. 25)
- View of self: \_\_\_\_\_ (Romans 7:22-24)
- View of Savior: \_\_\_\_\_ (Romans 7:25a; 8:1)

*Jesus took the \_\_\_\_\_ we deserved  
for \_\_\_\_\_ the law.*



*So that we could get the \_\_\_\_\_  
that comes from Jesus' \_\_\_\_\_ of the law.*

## FOR MEDITATION/REFLECTION:

- How is the Bible like a mirror to you? What kinds of things does it show about yourself? What kinds of things does it show you most often about God?
- Look intently at 2 Corinthians 3:18. Meditate on the power and the process that comes out of “*beholding the glory of the Lord*”.