



deovox group study guide

So you wanna be religious? James 1.19-27

1. **“Religion is the affair of godless man.”** Karl Barth. What comes to mind when you hear the word “religion?” What associations does the group have with that word?

2. **We have one mouth and two ears, that we may hear twice as much as speak.** Do you agree with this statement, or is it going too far? What’s your view of listening? Is it a skill, and if so, how is it developed?

3. **Outbursts of anger don’t lead to righteous behaviour.** Do you agree? How does anger affect your spiritual life, and community life?

4. What does it mean to “look intently into the perfect law of freedom”? Be specific in your answer. What is James warning about by talking about the mirror? How does this apply to your life?

5. **Caring for orphans and widows is the essence of true religion. Acting consistently with one’s beliefs.** Discuss these two ideas. How is God challenging you personally, or your group regarding the first of these ideas?