

**A #Hack4Faith Discussion-based Study for Groups and/or Individual Enrichment**  
**The Letter of James**

*"Let perseverance finish its work so that you may be mature and complete lacking nothing." James 1:4*

**Discussion Ten: Retrospective**

**Discussion Scenario:**

Using the Agile methodology in software development, at the end of each "sprint" where within a fixed time duration a body of work has been completed, the team has a "retrospective." This is a dedicated time where the team discusses what worked, what didn't, what they learned, and this shapes the team's focus and actions for their ever-improving performance in the next sprint. Having now completed this discussion of James, it's time for a "retrospective" to help set up each of your group members for their next "sprint" in their faith walk. What have you learned that you want to focus on and share with the group to further establish your ever-improving and inspire their walk of faith?

**Thinking back on the week's discussions in the Letter of James:**

1. Think back on this series of discussions we've shared. Possibly this study provided a lens through which now you "see" the scripture, Jesus, others, and God's heart for mankind more clearly. Maybe something shared has inspired your faith walk in a new way. Whatever the case, take some time to reflect upon these discussions and review your notes.
  1. Discussion 1 - Historical Context 1:1
  2. Discussion 2 - Genuine in endurance 1:2-26
  3. Discussion 3 - Genuine in impartiality 2:1-13
  4. Discussion 4 - Genuine in actions 2:14-26
  5. Discussion 5 - Genuine in words 3:1-12
  6. Discussion 6 - Genuine in wisdom 3:13-18
  7. Discussion 7 - Genuine in relationships 4:1-12
  8. Discussion 8 - Genuine in confidence 4:13-5:12
  9. Discussion 9 - Genuine in prayer 5:13-20
2. What if you had 3-5 minutes to present what you've learned from the Letter of James to a trusted friend? What would be the title/headline of your presentation and what would be your four bullet-points?

1. Well, you'll have that opportunity next week. 😊 As the basis for our group discussion, prepare a single document with your title/headline and 4 bullet points. Be prepared to share your 3–5-minute presentation with the discussion group.

1. Others may ask follow-up questions after you've shared.
2. Lastly, include what has emerged as your favorite verse or phrase from the Letter of James?

**Template:** *(If you want to put this in a Word document or PowerPoint or whatever and share your screen, that will be fine.)*

Title/Headline for your presentation:

(4 bullet points for your key takeaways from James)

1. Point 1 -
2. Point 2 -
3. Point 3 -
4. Point 4 –

Your favorite verse or phrase from James.

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