

Bible Study 6 – Listening and doing – James 1:19-27

One of the biggest water savings projects in the Murray Darling Basin, the Menindee Lakes reconfiguration, has stalled, with irrigators and the NSW Government struggling to find a way forward. The lakes lose up to 426 gigalitres of water in evaporation each year. Yet proposals to reconfigure the lakes, which range from restricting storage to the top two lakes through to full decommissioning to save more than 100GL, have been on the table since 2010. Reconfiguring the lakes means finding an alternative supply for Broken Hill and buying out the entitlements of irrigators who are reliant on Lake Menindee to water their citrus and grapes. There's been much talk but little action. In this passage we see James saying that with regard to God's word, there should be less talk and more action.

The context	James was a prominent elder at the original church at Jerusalem. This letter was written in about AD 46 to Jewish Christians who had been scattered by persecution (1:1; 8:1; 11:19). The theme is that Christian faith expresses itself in a life of godliness. His first topic is persevering through trials and temptations. Next he looks at how we respond to God's Word, the Bible.
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PART 1 Read & summarise each section – James 1:19-27

Obey God's Word (v.19-22)	
Disregarding God's Word (v.23-24)	
Outcome of obedience (v.25)	
Applying God's Word (v.26-27)	

PART 2 Things I discovered in this passage

1. What I learnt about God, Jesus or the Holy Spirit.

2. What I learnt about people like us.

3. Summarise a key verse in your own words.

4. In your opinion, what are the most important biblical principles being taught?

5. Which other parts of the passage caught your attention?

6. In what ways do you think the Bible is like a mirror (v.23-25)?

7. Which parts of the passage were difficult to understand? What questions come to your mind?

Let's get rid of sin in our lives and replace it with obedience to God's Word.



Obey

Since God's word is true, what must I change in my life to obey God?
What must I do to obey?

I will
I will
I will

Questions to help me apply this study to myself

- Is there a *SIN* for me to avoid?
- Is there a *PROMISE* from God for me to claim?
- Is there an *EXAMPLE* for me to follow?
- Is there a *COMMANDMENT* or *MODEL* for me to follow?

Share

Who will I tell about this Bible passage?

Prayer

Date:

One thing you are thankful for.

One thing that's bothering you.

Is there anything this group can do to help you?

Person	Prayer points

Who needs help? What can we do to help over the next two weeks?

Person	How will I help them?

