

# SERMON APPLICATION GUIDE

**SUNDAY 9/19/21**

**James 1:26-27**

**Faith Works**

**When Religion is Real**

**SERMON OUTLINE**

- 1) Real religion controls the words of my mouth.
- 2) Real religion cares for those in need.
- 3) Real religion causes me to live a counter-cultural life.

**Big Idea: Real faith creates new desires in my heart that produce a new way of life.**

## 1. REVIEW

1. What can make a person's religion "worthless?" Why? (v. 26)

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2. According to James, how and why are our tongues and hearts connected? (v. 26)

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3. What are some characteristics of a religion that is pure and undefiled? (v. 27)

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4. What does it look like to live a counter-cultural life where you "keep oneself unstained from the world?" (v. 27)

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## 2. ASSESS

1. How has your walk with the Lord led you to caring for orphans and widows? What stains of the world are still gripping your heart? Explain.

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## 3. APPLY

1. Is the Holy Spirit prompting you to act on new God-honoring desires? Do you need to serve orphans/widows in some way? Are you feeling led to abstain from or react to something worldly? What does this look like for you?

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