

Action 2: Participate in the Gospel \_\_\_\_\_ — vv. 23-25

# FORMED

growing in rhythms of grace

The Rhythm of Gospel Engagement

James 1:19-27

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As followers of Jesus, we never outgrow our need for the Gospel. Today's message highlights the importance of Gospel engagement in order to grow in Christ and participate in God's loving activity in our lives, our church family, and the community God has called us to.

**Big Picture:** God wants us to \_\_\_\_\_ in the  
Gospel to \_\_\_\_\_ in the Gospel

Action 3: Share the Gospel \_\_\_\_\_ — vv. 26-27

**KEY:** \_\_\_\_\_ a Receptive Heart to the Gospel — v. 21

Action 1: Participate in the Gospel \_\_\_\_\_ — vv. 19-22

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**NEXT STEPS:**

*This week, take time to think through how you can actively engage in the Gospel. Identify 1-2 specific areas in your life that need Gospel transformation. Ask God to prepare your heart for the change He wants to enact in you and empower you to a faithful response to participate with him in the work he is doing. Pray for God to open your eyes to the people and places He has sent you to make Gospel impact.*

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**NEXT WEEK:** FORMED | The Rhythm of Silence & Solitude

*Growth Groups are the glue that holds our church together, the way we find and follow Jesus together. If you are not involved in a Growth Group, now is the perfect time to jump in at [gracecentralcoast.org/groups](https://gracecentralcoast.org/groups)*

### CONNECT *(ask these questions to check-in with your group)*

*Compare and contrast the difference between merely hearing something versus hearing and practicing. Talk about the relationship between information and transformation.*

### DISCUSS *(use some of these questions to process God's Word together)*

1. Glance at the passage and notes from this week's message (James 1:19-27). What are some of your biggest take-aways? Share with each other what the Holy Spirit is teaching you.
2. God wants to maximize your growth in Jesus and your capacity to reach others for Jesus. Celebrate how you have seen God's hand growing you in Jesus in the past. Identify how God is calling you to better engage in the Gospel today.

3. Read & discuss Proverbs 30:5 and Proverbs 3:5-6. How do these passages relate to Gospel engagement?

4. God wants to conform His children further in the image of His Son, Jesus Christ. Read James 1:19-20 & v.25 — What is an area in your life in this season that God wants to transform? How might you partner with and trust God to do this work in your life?

5. God has placed us where we are to make impact for Him. Read James 1:26-27, then identify the spaces, places, and people (neighborhoods, roles, relationships, responsibilities, etc.) God has called you to in your life? How can you bring hope and share good news in those areas?

### PRAY *(use these prompts to pray in response to God's Word)*

- Pray for each other in the specific areas already discussed (areas needing transformation, specific areas of impact for Christ, etc.).
- Pray that God would cultivate in us receptive hearts to the Gospel so He can do everything He wants to do in and through us.
- Pray for increased trust in the LORD—His person and promises on your behalf.