

Plant it deep



Discussion group questions

Some of these questions are personal and others are more general. This was an all age talk so the audio may not be available online. The questions are designed to interact with the passage anyway.

- Looking at the background to these verses is important. Read James 1v15-18. Compare to the 2 (or 3) births mentioned in these verses. What initiates them and what is the end product? How are James' readers supposed to see themselves?
- In v19-21 how are our actions and God's purposes linked? What do we find out about sinful behaviours through these 3 verses? Why is a 'righteous life' so important?
- What does it mean to 'get rid of' and 'humbly accept'? Do you find this easy or hard? Why? How do you feel about the Bible, or others exposing areas of your life where you need to do this?
- What seems to be the link between doing this and salvation? (See 2v18-19 also)
- What is the temptation when hearing these words (See v22-25). Why is 'merely listening' being 'deceived'?
- What does the analogy of the mirror seem to suggest we the word of God does?
- What does it mean to look at the perfect law (word) *intently...continuously...not forgetting...doing it*? Think about your own discipleship over the coming year. What will these things mean?

Spend some time rejoicing in the light that is to come.