

	<p><b>STUDY GUIDE</b> for the week of November 2, 2008</p>	<p><b>RSVP - Répondez s'il vous plait!</b> Iveta Campeau</p> <p>Anyone who listens to the word but does not do what it says is like a man who looks at his face in a mirror and, after looking at himself, goes away and immediately forgets what he looks like. James 1:23-24</p>
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## OPEN IN PRAYER

**A TIME OF WORSHIP** (Optional) - You may want to sing a hymn or chorus.

## INTRODUCTION

The Bible is not like any other book. It is a supernatural book that has been compared to the sun, a sword, a lamp, bread, seed, honey, gold, and even a mirror. All of these images have something to do with how we respond to it.

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

**Begin by reading James 1:22-27**

1. What surprised, challenged, or comforted you as you read this passage?
2. Think about a time when you felt hypocritical or like a Pharisee. How did you believe or say one thing and do another?
3. In what ways has the Word of God changed you?
4. What qualities of Jesus' character do you most admire and desire for yourself?
5. How does reading the Bible in community compare to looking in a mirror?

## MOVING FORWARD

The apostle Paul writes about the role of Scripture in 2 Timothy 3:16-17. *All scripture is God breathed and is useful for teaching, reproof, correction and training in righteousness so that everyone who belongs to God might be thoroughly equipped for every good work.*

How many "good works" will God equip?

What are some of the good works that James identifies in this passage?

What would it look like if you were equipped for every good work?

What would it look like if your small group or entire church was prepared?

What are your next steps in becoming like Christ?

## CHANGING YOUR MIND

*The Word of God is living and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to the dividing of soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart.*

Hebrews 4:12

## CLOSING PRAYER