

²⁷ Pure and genuine religion in the sight of God the Father means caring for orphans and widows in their distress and refusing to let the world corrupt you.

— *James 1:27*

Discussion/Journal Questions

Take a moment and share some of the roles you have had up to this point in your life. Which roles are you most proud of and why?

Have two or three people read James 1:27 out loud slowly. After some time of reflection, ask each other what words, phrases, or ideas stand out to everyone. What questions come to mind as you meditate on this scripture?

Tim Keller once said, “When work is your identity, success goes to your head, and failure goes to your heart.” How have you experienced this in your own life?

Instead of basing our identity off of what we do, we are called to base it off of what God has done. How would such a shift in focus impact your life?

In scripture, we see that God welcomes us. How might God be calling you to open up your life to those who are in need, especially the most vulnerable?

We also see that God incarnates and draws near to the brokenness of human life. What hard place might God be calling you to take a step toward?

Finally, God protects. What battle is God calling you to fight for someone who can't?