



“True Religion”  
Small Group Questions  
Week of January 18, 2026

**Icebreaker:**

*What do you check for in the mirror before you leave the house?*

*When did you last write a paper with a thesis statement? Do you remember the content?*

**Discussion Questions:**

1. Read together: James 1:19-27

2. What exactly is the “righteous life that God desires” (vs. 20)?

How is it produced?

What is the opposite?

3. What is the point of the mirror image?

How is this point reflected in both worthless and pure religion (vs. 26-27)?

4. Why do we often prefer talking over listening?

How have you seen God at work when you can listen first?

5. How can your small group help you to be a better listener?

How can your small group help you to be slower to anger?

6. Read Matthew 7:24-27

7. What are parallels between Matthew 7:24-27 and James 1:19-27?

How can your small group support one another in doing what God’s word says?

Pray to close!