



**Week of June 7, 2020**

**Discussion Questions:**

1. What do you love about living in America? What are some of the biggest challenges facing our country? What injustice have you seen or experienced living in America?
2. In Sunday's talk, Paul said that everybody has inherent value, and nobody should be mistreated or discriminated against. Do you agree or disagree? How do you demonstrate to someone that you value them? Are there any groups of people that you struggle to show dignity and respect?
3. Read James 1:19-20, 26. James' advice seems like the opposite of what we normally experience. What are some examples in our culture of people being *slow* to listen, *quick* to speak, and *quick* to become angry? What effect do these kinds of behaviors typically have on relationships?
4. James says that anger "does not produce the righteousness that God desires." In what ways can anger be helpful? In what ways is it destructive? What might be a healthy way to express and act on anger toward injustice?

5. In Sunday's talk, Paul said, "It's much easier to vilify some group than someone." Share a time when you got to know someone who was very different from you. What did you learn from them? How did getting to know them change your perspective?

### **Moving Forward**

People who make a point never make a difference. When you're only focused on making a point, you'll often fail to really value people. This week, pay attention to the words coming out of your mouth and the thoughts rattling around in your mind. And when you find yourself saying or thinking something that demeans someone else, stop, choose to listen, and take a step toward unity.

### **James 1:19-20, 26**

*<sup>19</sup> My dear brothers and sisters, take note of this: Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry, <sup>20</sup> because human anger does not produce the righteousness that God desires. <sup>26</sup> Those who consider themselves religious and yet do not keep a tight rein on their tongues deceive themselves, and their religion is worthless.*