



## NEW: James 1:25 Group Curriculum

The New Fellowship Group Bible Discussion Format

**James 1:25, “But one who looks intently at the perfect law, the law of liberty, and abides by it, not having become a forgetful hearer but an effectual doer, this man will be blessed in what he does.”** The purpose of Fellowship Group Bible discussion is to become *effectual doers* of the Word. Not from a legalistic check-list, “it’s all up to me” philosophy; instead we know that **“apart from me (JESUS) you can do nothing”** (John 15:5).

So, each week we will discuss a Bible passage that will be part of the *upcoming* weekend message. That discussion will follow this format: **Observe, Interpret and Apply**. The main focus will be on the third part – **Application**. First, we will observe the text with questions guiding us to examine the passage closely (as time allows). Second, we’ll take time to talk about interpreting the text which will include some questions, but may also include some guidance to honor the context. Finally, our main purpose is to do the Word, so we will take time to discuss how we will actually apply the text to our lives. First, we will apply it personally (using pronouns like “me,” “myself,” and “I”). Second, we will apply it to our *personal* areas of influence (family, friends, neighbors, work, etc.). Application, empowered by the Spirit working in us, is the goal.

God promises we *will be blessed* in **applying** God’s Word – James 1:25.

## A Study of Acts

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### Key Text: Acts 1:8

**Last Week:** We concluded our study of the Gospel of Mark. The remaining apostles have witnessed the life, death, burial and resurrection of Jesus. And then, forty days later we find them in Jerusalem (Acts 1:3). The resurrected Jesus has gathered the eleven together, and He has commanded them to remain in Jerusalem to receive what the Father has promised (v4). However, it’s not the promise they were expecting.

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## Acts 1:1-11 | The Church as Witness to the World

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### Jesus’ ministry continues (Acts 1:1-11) [OBSERVE]

- Read Acts 1:1-11 and discuss what you discover in the greater context of our text?
- What happened before verse 8 that helps explain our text?
- What happened in the three verses after 1:8?

### Jesus commands the apostles to be His witnesses (Acts 1:8) [INTERPRET]

- What is the relationship between “you will receive power” and “you shall be My witnesses”?
- What is a witness? How are the apostles “witnesses”?
- How might Acts 1:8 serve as an introduction to Acts? An outline for reading Acts?

### Big Idea: Jesus calls us to be His witnesses in our areas of influence (Acts 1:8) [APPLY]

- How does Jesus’ call to be a witness apply to you personally?
- What are your witness areas (1:8b)?
- How will you carry out Jesus’ call in these areas?

Next Week’s Discussion: Acts 2:1-13 (Read Acts 1-2:13)