

Rock Student Ministry: James

Reading Plan for September

		1 Read James 1-5	2 Read James 1:1-11	3 Read James 1:12-18	4 Read James 1:19-27	5
6	7 Read James 2:1-13	8 Read James 2:14-17	9 Read James 2:18-26	10 Read James 3:1-12	11 Read James 3:13-18	12
13	14 Read James 4:1-10	15 Read James 4:11-12	16 Read James 4:13-17	17 Read James 5:1-6	18 Read James 5:7-12	19
20	21 Read James 5:13-20	22 Read James 1-5	23 Read James 1	24 Read James 2	25 Read James 3	26
27	28 Read James 4	29 Read James 5	30 Read James 1-5			

Prayer and Question Guide for each day of reading. (Students don't be afraid to ask your parents questions!)

September 1 **Prayer:** Praise God in prayer that He has given you His Word for you to know Him or a deeper level. Pray that God would make himself known in James as we read it today and, in the days, to come. Ask the Holy Spirit to show you the real meaning of the text as He wrote it rather than the meaning we may want it to have.

Questions: Does anything stand out to you in the book? Or does something not make sense? What part of the letter are you excited to dive deeper into?

September 2 **Prayer:** Pray that God would make himself known in James as we read it today and, in the days, to come. Pray that you would see that God is faithful and sovereign in the situations where we aren't in control.

Questions: Who wrote this letter and who did He write it to? What does the word dispersion mean? Should we be joyful during hard times in our life why or why not?

- September 3 **Prayer:** Pray that God would make himself known in James as we read it today and, in the days, to come. Pray in thankfulness that God is faithful to make his people more like Him by whatever means.
Questions: What is your personal greatest temptation? According to the passage where does temptation come from? From James 1:12-18 what are two different things that we learn about God?
- September 4 **Prayer:** Pray that God would make himself known in James as we read it today and, in the days, to come. Confess to God when you have been someone who hasn't lived out your faith.
Questions: James tells us to be "quick to hear, slow to speak." Have you had situations where you did the opposite—slow to hear, quick to speak? What's the problem with that? What's the difference between doing the word and hearing the Word? Why are both important?
- September 7 **Prayer:** Pray that God through the Holy Spirit would make His Word known to you in a way that you can understand it and apply it. Ask God to show you where you have shown favoritism instead of loving your neighbor as yourself.
Questions: What does partiality mean? What would happen if the situation described in 2:2-4 happened at Cornerstone? When James is talking about partiality (favoritism) its not only about the rich and the poor, but all the distinctions that human beings have. Why is the sin of partiality a bad thing?
- September 8 **Prayer:** Pray that God through the Holy Spirit would make His Word known to you in a way that you can understand it and apply it. Pray that God would give you His faith that it would live itself out and make God known.
Questions: What does James teach his readers (and us) in this passage? What is faith? In verse 17 James makes a bold statement that faith apart from works is dead; how does that change how we relate to one another?
- September 9 **Prayer:** Pray that God through the Holy Spirit would make His Word known to you in a way that you can understand it and apply it. Pray that you and other believers would live out your faith so that it would not be dead.
Questions: What made Abraham righteous before God (2 things)? Why is it bad if we say that we believe in Jesus, but our actions don't change? Why do you think James makes himself clear that faith and works go together?
- September 10 **Prayer:** Pray that God through the Holy Spirit would make His Word known to you in a way that you can understand it and apply it. Pray that the way that you talk to people would give God glory and build people up rather than tear them down.
Questions: How is our tongue (what we say) like a rudder of a ship or a small fire? What do we learn about human beings in this passage? What does what we say tell us about the state of our heart?
- September 11 **Prayer:** Pray that God through the Holy Spirit would make His Word known to you in a way that you can understand it and apply it. Pray to God that He would be gracious to you showing you what the difference is between the world and Him.
Questions: What God's problem with jealousy? What is the difference between wisdom from below and wisdom from above? How does this passage change the way that we interact with people that we see every day?

- September 14 **Prayer:** Pray to God that He would not only reveal who He is to you in His word but also who He is not. Pray that God would graciously give you the gift of discernment to tell the difference between the world and Jesus.
Questions: What do verses 2–3 tell us about the spiritual life of James’s audience? What does James mean when he says that “friendship with the world is enmity with God”? How do we humble, submit, and draw near to God?
- September 15 **Prayer:** Pray to God that He would not only reveal who He is to you in His word but also who He is not. Pray that God would change not only your mind but your heart and from your heart He would change our actions to reflect Him and not the world.
Questions: When have we recently spoken evil against (or been mean to or put down) one of our brothers or sisters? How do these verses tie into the yesterday’s passage? What does this passage tell us about God?
- September 16 **Prayer:** Pray to God that He would not only reveal who He is to you in His word but also who He is not. Pray that God would begin to live in a way that He wants us to live rather than the way we may want to.
Questions: What does this passage tell us about our lives? How were the people in this passage boating about what they were doing? Who do these people talk more about when they go different places – God or themselves? Who are we as believers called to make much of?
- September 17 **Prayer:** Pray to God that He would not only reveal who He is to you in His word but also who He is not. Pray in thanksgiving that He has given you what he has, but also in repentance they you no longer live for yourself but live for God.
Questions: What does James mean when he says that these people are laying their treasures up in heaven in the last days? What should they be doing instead? Are we living like these people (in luxury and self-indulgence) and why is that a bad thing?
- September 18 **Prayer:** Pray to God that He would not only reveal who He is to you in His word but also who He is not. Pray that God would give you and other patience and a heart of joy as you go through school and your daily life.
Questions: How does today’s reading relate to what James talked about back in chapter 1? How were the prophets and example of patience? Why should we be patient? How is God patient towards us?
- September 21 **Prayer:** Pray that God would make himself known not only to you but to all believers as we grow in our relationship to Him. Pray that we would apply the bile to our lives, whether that is in confession of our sins, or in all situations pray.
Questions: How does our reaction to suffering and cheerfulness differ from the world’s reaction? What do you tend to pray about the most? What does our prayer life have to do with our faith?
- September 22 **Prayer:** Pray that God would make himself known not only to you but to all believers as we grow in our relationship to Him. Pray that God would make clear the confusion that you may have still with the book of James, and if none, thank God that He has shown you His word!
Questions: Throughout the book, how does James talk about the relationship between Jesus and God? What is theme that you have seen throughout the book so far, where does James talk about this theme?
- September 23 **Prayer:** Pray what you wrote down for question 7 in the 7 arrows of Bible study.
Questions: Use and answer the 7 arrows of Bible study for today’s reading. (attached)

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Questions: Use and answer the 7 arrows of Bible study for today's reading. (attached)
- September 29 **Prayer:** Pray what you wrote down for question 7 in the 7 arrows of Bible study.
Questions: Use and answer the 7 arrows of Bible study for today's reading. (attached)
- September 30 **Questions:** Do you still have any questions at all from the book of James?
Congrats! Great job on completing the James reading plan for this month! Show Gannon your answers for the 7 arrows of Bible study for your favorite chapter of James and you will get a prize.

7 ARROWS of BIBLE READING

What does this passage say?



What did this passage mean to its
original audience?



What does this passage tell
us about God?



What does this passage tell
us about man?



What does this passage
demand of me?



How does this passage change
the way I relate to people?



What does this passage
prompt me to pray to God?

