

# RECEIVE & RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

JAMES 1:19-25

- 1 **Anger management is a popular phrase these days.** In fact, you or a relative of yours may have been to anger management class. Read James 1:19-21. What is at the heart of anger? What is at the heart of your anger? What are God's three admonitions surrounding anger in this passage?
  
- 2 **Some of us have been angry in our trials.** Some of us have been angry with other people, angry with the trial itself, angry with self and ultimately angry with God. We may be deceived that our anger will produce change. But God says in James 1:20 that anger does not produce what we think it will. In fact, what does anger NOT produce? Anger in trials does produce...look at Ephesians 4:25-32 and write out what sinful anger produces:
  
- 3 **Ephesians 4:25-32 and James 1:21-25 give us a similar process of change.** We are to "put away" certain things and to "do" certain things. What are we to "put away?" What are we to "do?" This kind of obedience must be empowered. Otherwise, it is simply religious will power and produces pride and ultimately failure.

 *What empowers you to do what is right in the midst of trials? See James 1:21 and Eph. 4:30, 32. If the gospel is not central in a person's life, what will his response to trials be? If the gospel is not real in someone's life, what will his response to the Word of God be?*

 *Explain this statement: the Word that requires obedience empowers obedience.*

- 4 **How tender are you to the Word of God?** What does it mean to "receive" with meekness the engrafted word? What does it mean that how you receive determines the salvation of your soul?
  
- 5 **All believers come to have the same "love language."** See the Psalmist's description of this love language in Psalm 119:97 "Oh how I love your law! It is my meditation all the day." If you are struggling with loving the Word, there are a few questions you should be asking.

 *What speaks to me more loudly than God's Word?*

