



Week #7 (October 25, 2020) - "The Lost Art of Civil Discourse" James 1:19-24

1. Who do you have a hard time engaging with in difficult conversations? Why is it so hard to enter into conversations with them? Is it them? Is it you? Is it both?
2. When you see the basics of the beginning of this passage – "quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger" – Which of these is hardest for you? Which of these comes most naturally for you? How do we become better at these things?
3. What types of conversations make you the angriest? Why? Do you feel justified in your anger? Why or why not?
4. "Therefore, rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness." How does this verse relate to your own walk?
5. What does it mean to you when James says, "welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls?" Is that hard or easy to do?
6. The Greek word in the previous passage that is translated "meekness" can also be translated as "humility." Who do you know that is truly humble? What makes them humble? What does it look like for someone around you to embody humility in the midst of heated conversations?
7. "But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves." What does it look like to deceive yourself by merely hearing and not doing?
8. Leave enough time at the end of your time together to pray for people in the midst of the divisiveness of the upcoming election and the ability for those who follow Christ to act and react in situations that are aligned with principles found in Scripture.