

GETTING TO KNOW YOU

Describe the book of James in three words.

What do you think of when you hear the word, barnacles?

DIGGING DEEPER

Today, we heard part two of James: Back to the Basics from Evan.

1. Read James 1:12-18. What do you think James means when he reminds the Church to never say we are being tempted by God?
2. What are some practical ways we can cultivate thankfulness in our lives for the gifts from God?
3. Read James 1:19-21. Why do you think James stresses the importance of hearing, speaking, and anger in this passage?
4. Read James 1:22-25. What would it look like to only be a hearer of the word? What does it look like to be a doer of the word?
5. Read James 1:26-27. What are some practical ways we can love people who aren't able to give back?
6. Evan brought up the analogy of theological barnacles when it comes to keeping ourselves unstained from the world. The idea being that there are cultural ideas we may believe that aren't actually biblical. Can you think of any?

MAKING IT PERSONAL

1. What is it about trials that can let your guard down where temptation is concerned?
2. Where in your life do you need to be quick to listen, slow to speak and slower to become angry?