

**Relate Group Questions**  
**September 23, 2018**

**Ice Breaker Question:** Have you ever ridden a horse? A donkey? A camel? What happened?

**Relate Group Value: Evangelism** – as a group, being committed to expanding the community of believers through such things as sharing your faith, encouraging people to come to the group, and other types of outreach.

**Sermon Series: Does Your Faith Work?**

**Sermon Title: What is Your Religion?**

Sermon Text: James 1:26-27

Other Relevant Scriptures: Exodus 22:22; Deuteronomy 10:17-18; Ephesians 5:1-21; 1 Timothy 5:3-16; James 3:2-8, 3; Psalm 39:1; 2 Peter 3:14; 1 John 5:18.

**Study Questions:**

1. What does it mean to “bridle” one’s tongue? Why does our tongue need to be bridled (consider James 3:2-8)?
2. Have you bridled your tongue this past week?
3. Why is a person’s religion worthless or useless if they do not bridle their tongue? How does this illustrate the point that true faith works?
4. Why is God concerned about orphans and widows (Exodus 22:22; Deuteronomy 10:17-18)?
5. How can you protect yourself from being stained or polluted by the world (consider Ephesians 5:1-21; 2 Peter 3:14)?
6. After hearing/reading vv. 26-27, what do you need to do so that you are not a hearer only, but also a doer of God’s Word (see James 1:22)?
7. Does your religion impact the way you live your life each day? Does it impact your relationships at home, at work, and at play? How so?

**Weekly Check-up:**

How is your daily Bible reading going?

How has your prayer life been this past week?

Are you struggling in your obedience to God?

Have you shared Jesus with anyone this past week?

Have you invited anyone to worship or small group?  
What do you need prayer and encouragement for today?