Week 1

# Authentic A study of James

### An Important Message

Nobody appreciates \_\_\_\_\_\_ Christians. We want our followers of Jesus to be \_\_\_\_\_. If you truly belong to Jesus, you will \_\_\_\_\_\_ like you say you \_\_\_\_\_.

#### An Important Verse

But be \_\_\_\_\_\_ of the word, and not hearers only, \_\_\_\_\_\_ yourselves. (James 1.22, ESV)

#### Important Data Points

- James is a New Testament book classified as a \_\_\_\_\_\_
- James was the brother of \_\_\_\_\_, and leader of the early church in \_\_\_\_\_
- James was writing to Jewish Christians \_\_\_\_\_\_ throughout the Roman Empire.
- James explains how our Christian faith \_\_\_\_\_\_ in our everyday lives.
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#### Five Important Chapters

- James 1: Authentic faith will show up in how we \_\_\_\_\_\_.
- James 2: Authentic faith will show up in how we \_\_\_\_\_\_
- James 3: Authentic faith will show up in what we \_\_\_\_\_.
- James 4: Authentic faith will show up in how we \_\_\_\_\_\_
- James 5: Authentic faith will show up in how we \_\_\_\_\_\_.

## 3 Obstacles to Authenticity You Need to Obliterate in Your Life Right Now

- 1. \_\_\_\_\_. *Christian-ish* is not Christian. Declare yourself an all-in follower of Jesus.
- 2. \_\_\_\_\_. You can't be friends with both Jesus and the world. Commit yourself to obeying Christ's commandments.
- 3. \_\_\_\_\_. It's silly and it's self-destructive. Humble yourself and God will lift you up.