

**Life Group Notes**

**Sunday 27 October 2019**

**Speaker:** Scott Taylor

**Title:** But Be Doers of the Word

**Series:** Faith with Legs

**Passage:** James 1:19-2:13

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Week two of our series in James and he draws our attention to the fact that we are to receive with meekness the implanted word which is able to save our souls.

To receive is an active thing it's not something that done to us, but rather is something we take, we accept or embrace.

With meekness – this is not a word of weakness but strength – Jesus was described as meek and he says blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.

The implanted – an implant is something that has been inserted, buried, installed, embedded placed. God has buried something deep inside of us.

The word – the gospel word that saved us, the word that dwells in us richly as we open the bible and read, the word that that Spirit uses to convict us of sin and ultimately the Word of God, Jesus himself, dwelling in us.

It is so comforting to know that the word of God is implanted in us, but we must receive it, by believing what it says, by saying yes to it, by meditating on it, and by doing what it says.

But be doers of the word and not hearers only deceiving yourselves.

When we hear something, read something, know something deep in our souls, then we must take action. Not doing is deception, doing brings blessing.

The commands we find in this passage we can hear and even agree with them, but if we are only hearers we are just storing up knowledge, we need to receive them and then work out how to do something about them.

**WE MUST RECEIVE THE IMLANTED WORD AND BE DOERS OF THE WORD THAT'S HEARD!**

Pure religion isn't hearing and knowing, its receiving and doing. Whether that's being quick to hear, slow to speak and slow to anger, or visiting the orphans and widows or not showing favouritism, or whatever we may hear ourselves from God as he leads us and guides us through this world, until we meet him face to face.

**Suggested questions:**

1. What spoke to you most from Sunday?
2. How does receiving the implanted word help us with doing it?
3. Why do you think we must receive with meekness?
4. What is God saying to you at the moment and are you doing it?
5. What do you think hinders us in our doing?