



Just Do It

Main Scripture: James 1:21-27

Additional Scriptures: Ezekiel 16:48-50, Matthew 7:24, James 5:9

Hearing: Discussion Questions

- “We call ourselves new covenant Christians but we really are old covenant classic.” What did Pastor Mike mean by this statement?
 - How have you seen this lived out by you and/or other Christians?
- If you or someone you know is stuck in a rules and regulations mentality, what are ways to break out of that snare and really live in the presence of God and the abundant life that Jesus calls us to?
- **Read James 1:22-25.** Self deception is the worst kind. The Pharisees didn’t realize they were Pharisees! So how do we ensure that we don’t slowly fall into the trap of becoming a Pharisee without even knowing it?
- Don't read the Bible passively... it shouldn't just increase your knowledge base but should transform your life. How do we break out of the mentality of consuming the Word but then not doing it? We all know that the Bible should transform us, but what do you do when your life isn't showing the transformation that should be taking place?
- **Read Matthew 7:24.** The doctrine that matters is the doctrine you do. Could you say confidently like Paul, “Follow me as I follow Christ?” Why or why not?
 - What doctrines can you say you faithfully and consistently live out?
 - Where are you lacking doctrinal action in your life?
- **Read James 1:25.** How does Paul use the term “law” in this context? How does his usage differ from our regular utilization of the word?
- **Read Hebrews 8:8-11.** The key is not to get the right rules to live by but to get in the right relationship to live from. Why is this such a hard thing for us to grasp and really live out?
 - What makes living out of relationship and presence so much messier than living out of rules? What are the benefits of living out of presence than regulations?

Doing: Application

- Try to live in the presence of God instead of by the rules and regulations of God this week. See if even having that mindset has na effect on your week.