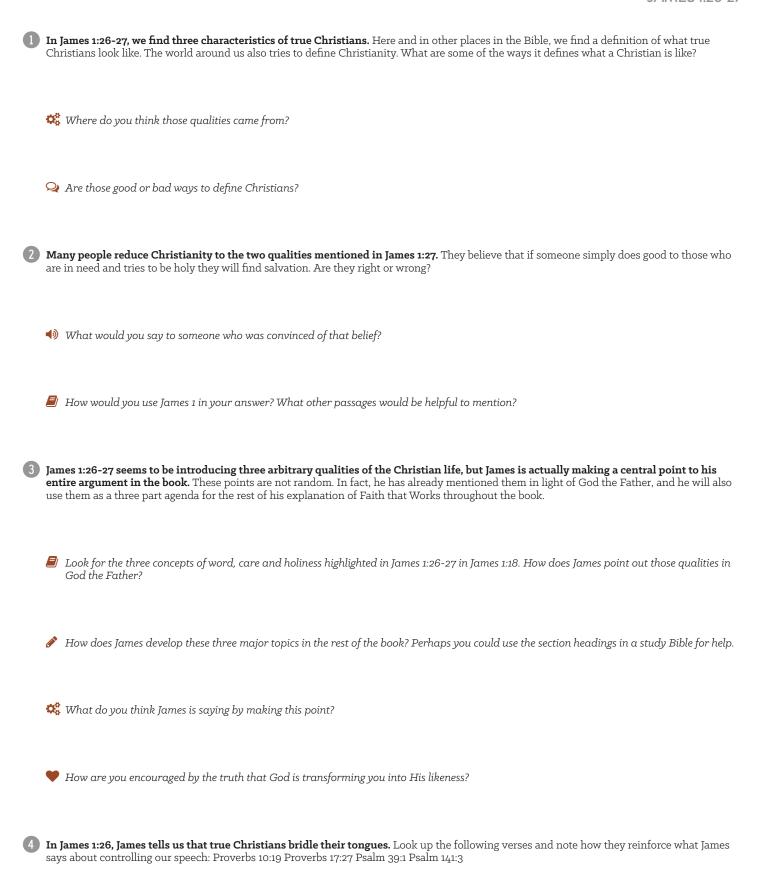
THREE TESTS OF TRUE CHRISTIANITY DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

JAMFS 1-26-27



5	Many times we struggle to care for the neediest around us, because there are few tangible results. How do the following accounts help us remember that ministry is not about results? What did Jesus say about the following?	
	The Widow's Mite (Mark 12:41-44)	
	John the Baptist (Matt. 11:9-11)	
	The Poor in Spirit and the Meek (Matt 5:3, 5)	
	The One who Receives a Child in Jesus' Name (Mark 9:37)	
	Ministry to the stranger, the naked, the sick and the imprisoned (Matt. 25:34-40)	
	In what ways do you find yourself thinking things like "the turn around on this investment would not be this type of ministry is not worth it?"	good?" or "the growth potential for
6	Use the following questions to brainstorm and implement a project that your community group can a orphans and widows in their distress."	ccomplish together that will "visit
	Is James 1:27 limited to believing widows & orphans?	
	Think about people your group already has a connection to, both inside and outside the church: What you meet them?	are some of their needs? How might
	Since there are some needs of widows & orphans that you cannot meet by yourself, what are some ways your community group could become involved in meeting these needs by joining your individual resources of time & talents?	PRAYER REQUESTS
7	James is adamant that true Christians are those who keep themselves unstained from the world. Why is this such an important pursuit for the child of God? Use the following verses in your answer: James 4:4, Eph 2:1-2, Col. 2:8, Titus 2:11-12, 2 Peter 1:4, 1 John 2:14-15.	
	What does James mean by keeping yourself unstained by the world? Is it correct to say, "I will not have anything to do with the world, because I need to stay unstained from it?" Why or why not?	
	The word "unstained" in James 1:27 literally means "spotless." James is calling Christians to keep their day-to-day choices free from the staining spots of worldliness. What daily influences do you face in the world that you most struggle keeping from taking a hold of your heart? Confess your struggles to your group and spend time praying that God will give you victory.	