

Follow up Questions from message on Sunday, July 30, 2017

Genuine Christianity | Get Real

Reread James 1:17-27

1. What word or phrase best describes your temperament. For example – short fuse, big bang, little fizzle, slow to anger, etc.
2. When you think of “generous acts of giving” what kind of activity comes to your mind?
3. In verse 18, what does “first fruits” refer to? Specifically, what do you think it means that you/we are called to be “first fruits of God’s creatures”?
4. What kind of gift would you describe as the “perfect” gift? What makes a gift “perfect”?
5. In verse 21 James used a gardening image to animate his directive to “get rid of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness.” What is your understanding of what James is talking about?
6. How does this moral filth, evil, or uncleanness threaten our spiritual growth?
7. In contrast to this, what are we to meekly seek to have implanted in us?
8. According to James, what is necessary for living a Christian life?
9. What weeds or brambles do you personally need to get rid of so that you can “get real” and grow into the follower of Jesus who are called to be?
10. What changes do you perceive you need to make in your life so that you can live the life God is calling you to live?
11. What act of caring/service will you live out this week that will bear witness to the faith that you have in Jesus?