



JAMES
CONCRETE CHRISTIANITY



James - MPC Growth Group Study Guide - 2022

Our midweek
growth groups
are the heart of our church
life together. They are, as the
name suggests, about growing!
We grow in...



- **our understanding of God's Word**

Our studies follow the Sunday sermons, and there's lots of room for interaction, discussion and questions.

- **our love for God**

Meeting together is truly life-changing as God works powerfully in us by His Spirit through His Word.

- **our love for God's family**

They're a great place to build real, encouraging friendships, while providing opportunities to practically serve, care and pray for one another.

- **our love for God's world**

Our groups are a place where we can pray and partner with one another in God's mission to the world.

in His love & grace,

INTRODUCING JAMES

James, writer of the book of James in the new Testament was the brother (or halfbrother) of Jesus. In the gospels James and his other brothers are said to have given Jesus a hard time about his claims. But in this letter he is convinced that Jesus is indeed Lord and he is adamant that this truth must change lives.

By the time we arrive at chapter 15 of the book of Acts we see that James is the recognised leader of the church in Jerusalem. History tells us that he was a very godly, prayerful and committed pastor of his congregation and that he was killed by the Jewish leaders because of his clear gospel preaching.

In term 4 2022 we will be working our way through this great book, James' letter to the church, and what will be very obvious is that James promotes a Concrete Christianity. He is not interested in theories, empty notions or mere lip service but gives a clear call to committed living as followers of Jesus.

It is my prayer that God would use this powerful little book to bring clarity and conviction so that we too might commit to Concrete Christianity.

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study 1
James 1:1-18

study 2
James 1:19-27

study 3
James 2:1-13

study 4
James 2:14-26

study 5
James 3:1-18

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study 6
James 4:1-17

study 7
James 5:1-12

study 8
James 5:13-20



Study 1

James 1:1-18

1. Growth through Relationships

What has been **good** and what has been a **challenge** for you this week?

Take a little time to pray for each other.

2. Growth through the Word

Read this week's passage.

What is the ...

- **Gist** of the passage?

- **Gems** of the passage?

- **Jams** (difficulties/questions) of the passage?

- How does this passage point us to **Jesus**?

- What is one way the teaching of this passage will **shape your life** this week (and moving forward)?

3. Growth through Prayer

Be sure to leave a good amount of time for this part.

Take time as a group to pray for the ministry of MPC locally and globally. Try to use the passage as much as possible to guide and shape your prayers.