

S.O.A.P. Bible Study

S=Scripture: James 1:26-2:13

O=Observation: After reading the text carefully, answer the following questions: “Religion” here is used in a positive sense, as a word which means “the Christian faith.” As such, what is the two-sided “fruit” that James sees in a life transformed by Jesus? What does James 2:5 tell you about the doctrine of election and whether God is “fair” in whom he chooses to save? James shows that we all are law-breakers in James 2:8-11. How is the law a tutor which brings us to Christ? If a fair summary of the gospel is “you are so much worse off than you could imagine; you are so much more loved than you could hope for,” how do you find the gospel in this passage? What does it mean that “mercy triumphs over judgment”?

A=Application: In what area of religion do you need to grow: “keeping yourself unstained from the world” or “taking care of widows and orphans” in their distress? What part of your energy and money is spent in reaching out?

P=Prayer: Write out a prayer based on your meditation on this passage: