

James

Instructor: Vern Yoder

Time: Thursdays, 8-9 PM

Class Size: No limit

Course Description:

The book of James is fondly known for its catchy one-liners and graphic metaphors that vividly describe practical Christianity. Yet it was also one of the last books to be recognized as part of God's Holy word, and for obvious reasons: it contains strange concepts, such as healing oil, brotherly confession, and dead faith. It neglects truths concerning Jesus' death and resurrection and seems to contradict Paul's teachings. So, what does God want us to learn from this Scripture and how can we navigate through its unusual character?

Syllabus (week by week)

1. Who was James and what is his place in the Bible?
2. The tongue
3. James' famous one-liners (part 1)
4. James' famous one-liners (part 2)
5. What was James' beef with the Apostle Paul?
6. Does James have it in for rich people?
7. The healing oil, confessing sins to one another, Pure religion, jealous desire of the Spirit, and other strange concepts introduced by James
8. Practical warnings concerning sin, lust, the world, and pride
9. Inimitable lessons from the book of James