***THE FAITH IN YOU***

***Opening***

* *Briefly say what was the best birthday or holiday gift you received.*

***Understanding God’s Word*** (James 1:16-25)

* *Why do you think James tells us to not be deceived?*
* *What things does James tell us about the character of God in verses 17 and 18 that most resonates with you?*
* *What does James tell us about listening, speaking and anger, and what is the connection between them?*
* *What are we asked to get rid of as well as to receive in verse 21; and why is that important?*

***Making Application***

* *Why is just listening to the word of God insufficient to bring about real life change?*
* *What does being a “doer” of God’s word (rather than just a “hearer”) look like practically lived out?*
* *How does someone move from merely being a hearer to becoming a “doer” of God’s word?*
* *In what way is it hard for you to be slow to speak and quick to listen?* (An example of why being a “doer” is more difficult than just being a “hearer.”)

***Praying & Next Step*** (each member choose one)

* *Share one way you could be a better listener this week and with whom.* Then next time you have a conservation with that person, try to only speak 20% of the time.
* *Name one thing that gets you angry and ask God for wisdom to understand why.* Then ask your group for what you need, in addition to prayer, to help you deal biblically with that.