

**SERMON SERIES:** CLOSER

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## Key Line

“Becoming Doers of The Word”

## Introduction

Last week we finished off the sermon series Grit and in Hebrews 11 it talks about the “Hall of Fame of Faith,” which are people just like us, who took the step closer to Jesus. Continuing into the Book of James, this week we kicked off a new series called “Closer” to help launch City Serve Week! It was within this message that we were encouraged to become doers of the word.

- How has COVID either grew or distanced your relationships?

## Seek the Word

Read James 1:19-21

- Why does James point out to his readers the importance of being humble? Even to those who you might have some sort of hatred towards?
- James uses the powerful statement that God desires righteous. According to James how do we gain that?

Take a look at James 1:22

- Why do you think James mentioned that it would be deception if we only listen to the Word?

Read James 2:17

- The Word says that faith that does not bring good deeds is dead. What is the disconnect between faith and deeds that James mentions? Why do they need to be tied together?

## Talk About It

- What could it look like to live in a way that is not to be served, but to serve?
- What does this conversation mean in your relationship with others and your relationship with God?
- What kind of gifts and abilities did God give you to help you better serve others?  
Reminder, these are unique for everyone.

## Wrap Up

*Reminder:* Matthew 5:16 says to “Let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in Heaven.”

*Challenge:* Serve something bigger than yourself. Grow closer to God, to your family, and to the people who God puts in front of you in your life.

*Next Steps:* this week specifically Calvary has City serve with options of how to do this together.

