

**WEEK BEFORE YOU START: THE GROUP GUIDE TO
Living as a Christ follower in James**

- The small group leader needs to:
 - **Explain** that for the next five weeks we want to “live as a Christ-follower” by inviting God to speak to us through the letter of James.
 - **Motivate** everyone to read and ponder James 1:1-25 in their daily devotions.
 - **Encourage** them, depending on how deeply they want to get into this section of the Bible, to go through some or all of the commentary too. For this commentary they need to follow the e-loop links, or they need to follow the links on the home page - both will lead to the commentary required.
 - **Ask** everyone to come ready to share next week 1) What major insight into the Bible you discovered (from 1:1-25); 2) What one or two things you believe God said to you through it; and 3) How what he said impacts your life.
 - **Assure** everyone that even if they don't do this reading they should still come, because they will get much out of the time next week (this is why it's also suitable to keep inviting new people to the group).