

## #ForAurora One Day | What Do You See? | 10.26-27.2019

**Grow Deep Conversation Questions:** Use these questions to help you process the message in your personal time of study or with your group. Time suggestions are based on a 90 minute group gathering.

**Message Recap:** In today's world, many churches are known for what they are against. We want to be known for what we are for: we are #foraurora. How can we come together, laying our differences and our preferences aside to show our community we are for them?

>> Opening (2-3 minutes)

- Introductions this is especially important if this is your first meeting and if there are new members
- Housekeeping clarify expectations. Remind your group that this is a confidential meeting.
  - Remember there may be many thoughts and views. Please remain kind and respectful during conversations.
- Pray open your time together in prayer

> Introduction (15 minutes)

- Ice-Breaker: Share about a time that you have served with #foraurora or another serving experience. Do you regret serving?
- Digging Deeper: What is the biggest barrier to you being #foraurora or serving on a consistent basis? How can you change that?
- **Observation** | Read James 1:22-27

(10 minutes)

What are your initial reactions to this passage? What is encouraging or challenging? Why? What do you notice about God?

>> Key Principle | What's in the mirror? It's me.

(10 minutes)

- Why is it difficult to actually do something? We hear about things and get excited about them, saying we'll do it, but don't. Why is that?
- > I See Ears | Reread James 1:22

(8 minutes)

- What are you choosing to hear? What is becoming too easy for you to tune out? Who or what might you be missing out on?
- I See Eyes | Reread James 1:25

(8 minutes)

- What are the distractions around you that you choose to see rather than the people and things that are breaking God's heart?
- **≫ I See a Mouth |** Reread James 1:26

(8 minutes)

- Why do you think James mentions keeping a tight rein on your tongue in the middle of these verses? What do your words say about you?
- **I See Hands** | Reread James 1:27

(8 minutes)

- What is religion? What does it mean that the religion that God accepts as pure and faultless is to look after orphans and widows?
- >> Jesus through you can make someone's life better.

(10 minutes)

- What can you do, not just today but everyday, to be #foraurora and your community? Make a plan and hold each other accountable.
- >> Closing and Prayer |

(10 minutes)

- How can your group serve together throughout the year? Being #foraurora is not just a once a year event but a way of life.
- Close by praying for one another to not just be hearers and seers of God's message, but doers for those around you.

