OBSERVATION -- As a group, talk through and summarize the passage. Think through *Who, What, Where, When, How, Why* questions together.

INTERPRETATION -- Answer these questions together:

1) What does this passage teach us about God?

a) What does this passage teach us about the law of God? About the heart of God?

2) What does this passage teach us about us?

a) In what ways have you been a hearer of the word without being a doer of the word?

b) James tells us that to be a doer of the word we must 1) control our speech, 2) care for those in need, 3) practice personal holiness. How would you say you're doing in these areas?

3) What does this passage teach us about grace/salvation? How does it point to Christ?

- a) How does Jesus make God's law a "Law of Liberty?"
- b) Read 2 Corinthians 3:18 (in the NASB or CSB if possible). How can looking into the mirror of Jesus Christ and his glory (the cross) help you to be motivated to love and serve others?

APPLICATION

a) Intentions are not obedience. Is there anything that you have been intending to do that you just haven't obeyed God in yet?

b) Where might you, your family, your small group be able to help a widow, an orphan, or someone else in need?

FIGHTER VERSES: James 2:14-17.

PRAYER

- Praise God for his perfect law of liberty.
- Confess ways that you have failed to control your speech, care for others, or practice personal holiness.
- Ask God to help you to be a doer of the word and not a hearer only.
- Commit to caring for those in need.