**“Man in the Mirror”**

3-Fold Purpose: ***Love God, Love Others, Serve the World***

One Mission: ***Make Disciples***

4 Commitments:

***Shaped by the Word***

1. What point could you relate to most from Sunday’s sermon?
2. What point pushed you the farthest outside your comfort zone?
3. Read James 1:19-27.
   1. Do you consider yourself more a ‘thinker’ or a ‘doer’?
   2. What is the danger of being primarily one and not enough of the other?
   3. When James uses the expression ‘implanted word’ in v. 21, what comes to mind?

***Surrendered to His Will***

1. God’s will is that we don’t just learn what the right thing to do is, but act on it (Matt. 28:18).
   1. Share something recently from your Bible reading that you acted on?
   2. What does your obedience to God’s word reveal about your relationship with him?
   3. According to vv. 20-21, what are some of the impediments to living out the word of God?

***Connected to His Spirit***

1. James 1:5 from last week’s reading emphasizes the need for us to ask for wisdom. Wisdom is a gift from God and is contingent upon a right relationship with him (Prov. 9:10).
   1. How does the statement, “looks into the perfect law”, from v. 25 relate to wisdom?
   2. This verse has a lot to do with clarity of thinking, right intentions, and earnest effort. What insight do you gain about our need to be connected to the Spirit?
   3. When is the last time you had this kind of laser-like focus when it came to handling and living out the word of God?

***Building His Kingdom***

1. Reread vv. 26-27. “Worthless religion” according to these verses is just a lot of talk, while “pure and undefiled religion” is caring for orphans and widows.
   1. Have you ever asked yourself the question: Who are the “orphans” and “widows” I am responsible for caring for? In other words, what tangible needs, injustices, etc. is God asking me to confront and seek to redress? Discuss.
   2. Have you asked this question as it pertains to your life group? What is God calling your life group to do to fulfill the principles of v. 27? Discuss.
   3. Write one individual and one life group action step that you are going to commit to over the course of this summer:

Prayer of St. Francis of Assisi Lord, make me an instrument of Thy peace;  
where there is hatred, let me sow love;  
where there is injury, pardon;  
where there is doubt, faith;  
where there is despair, hope;  
where there is darkness, light;  
and where there is sadness, joy.