



Sunday, April 3, 2022

Sermon Series:
James: A Practical Faith that Works

Title: *Avoiding the “Bo Peep” Principle*

Text: James 5:19-20

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Big Idea: All believers are a part of God’s family who must obey His intention for us to care for each other both when we are doing well and when we have wandered into sin.

1) **Christian restoration is an undeniable reality.** (James 5:19 / Acts 20:30-31 / Hebrews 3:12-13)

2) **Christian restoration is a necessary ministry.** (James 5:19 / Matthew 7:3-5 / Galatians 6:1)

Any believer can bear characteristics of godly “restorers”.

A restorer must be loving.

A restorer must be humble.

A restorer must be gentle.

3) **Christian restoration has undeniable eternal effects.** (James 5:20 / Romans 5:8)

Successful restoration is an attack on death.

Successful restoration is an attack on sin.

“We should never tell people to: ‘go to the cross’ – rather we are only qualified to say ‘come to the cross.’” William Temple

Study/Application Questions and Actions:

1) Share about a time when you were involved in finding something that had been lost. What was the hardest parts about looking and was the finding worth it in the end?

2) At one time or another, all of us knows the feeling of having a wandering heart. What actions or attitudes most lead you to this point? Why are we so reluctant to admit when we are in this wandering place?

3) Did it surprise you to discover that restoration ministry is for every believer and not just leaders? Do you agree? Why could regular believers be more effective than leaders in this ministry?

4) How can believers balance being both intentionally honest and yet gentle in helping restore the broken?

5) James had just spoken of prayer before this topic of restoration. What part might prayer play in this important ministry of restoration? Examples?