* + I’d love to do a poll but wouldn’t want to put people on the spot of what % of you were still looking in a mirror getting read ***while your car was in motion on the way to church today***. But I won’t take that poll. I wouldn’t want to embarrass so many of you who take male grooming so seriously.
  + Most people get themselves ready in front of…a mirror. You brush your teeth in front of a mirror, fix your hair, straighten your clothes, all in front of a mirror. You prepare yourself for the day in front of one. If you catch a glimpse of your reflection what do you do…check to make sure everything is how you left it. I know some of you pull out the camera app on your phone and use the selfie angle to check the freshness routinely throughout the day.
  + Your mirror knows you better than anyone. Because it sees you before you with all your flaws and messiness. Your mirror shows you what you really look like.
  + James, our author is going to say to us tThis mirror shows you what you look like now AND a vision of where God wants to take you. That’s what is so powerful about the bible…
  + This is what makes James such a challenging letter. It shows you where you are, and then gives you a vision of the person God is shaping you into. HUGE in discipleship. 3 questions I ask people all the time when we are talking faith.
  + So that is each week. Each week as we walk through this book James will hit us with where we are and the vision God has for where we are going.
  + 2 things: It will take years to apply everything you learn in the next 8 weeks. Seriously. BUT, the next 8 weeks could establish some patterns that will alter the rest of your life.