



Synopsis: The recent Census data confirms that Australia is becoming less religious and, in particular, less identified with Christianity. At the same time, even followers of Jesus today are less likely to identify as being religious and even as Christian, due to the negative connotations these words carry. So what exactly does it mean to be “religious”? And what does it look like for a person to truly be a “Christian”? These are the themes explored in the book of James, who writes to believers facing both external opposition for their faith, as well as internal misunderstandings about what it means to have “faith”. James encourages his audience to live out their faith fully – to have a flourishing faith – even in the midst of the challenges they face.

Outline:

- Week 1 (10 July) – Resilient Faith (James 1:1-18)
- Week 2 (17 July) – True Faith (James 1:19 – 2:26)
- Week 3 (24 July) – Fresh Faith (James 3:1-18)
- Week 4 (31 July) – Standout Faith (James 4:1-5:6)
- Week 5 (7 Aug) – Overcoming Faith (James 5:7-20)