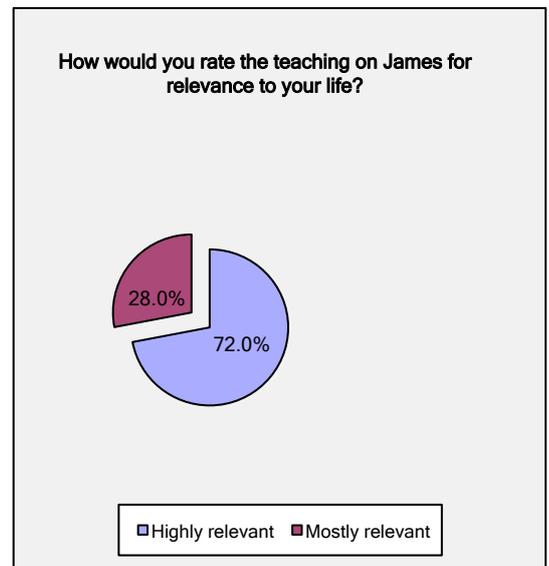


Can you believe the snow in late April?

Feeding: As I look over April, I am very thankful to God for His help in getting through the book of James as my first full series (except one Sunday). The Corinthian letter is no less challenging but I am very grateful for the attendance at the preaching and teaching of God's Word. It will be through the regular and sustained feeding on His word that we are all changed 'from one degree of glory to another' 2 Corinthians 3:18. So far, 25 have responded to the electronic survey on James (I choose an electronic version because to do otherwise would embroil me in time consuming manual analysis. Thank you for responding! The results are:

What proportion of the teaching on James did you attend?		
Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
All	24.0%	6
Most	48.0%	12
Some	28.0%	7
<i>answered question</i>		25

Did you understand the teaching that was given on James?		
Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
All	36.0%	9
Most	56.0%	14
Some	8.0%	2
None	0.0%	0
Comment: what would you suggest to make the teaching clearer, simpler or better?	15	15
<i>answered question</i>		25
<i>skipped question</i>		0



The most consistent point about making the teaching clearer, simpler or better was to reduce the amount of information on each slide of the presentation! I hope you notice my attempts to do that... but style is quite subjective and comments were also made about how much you enjoyed the structure!

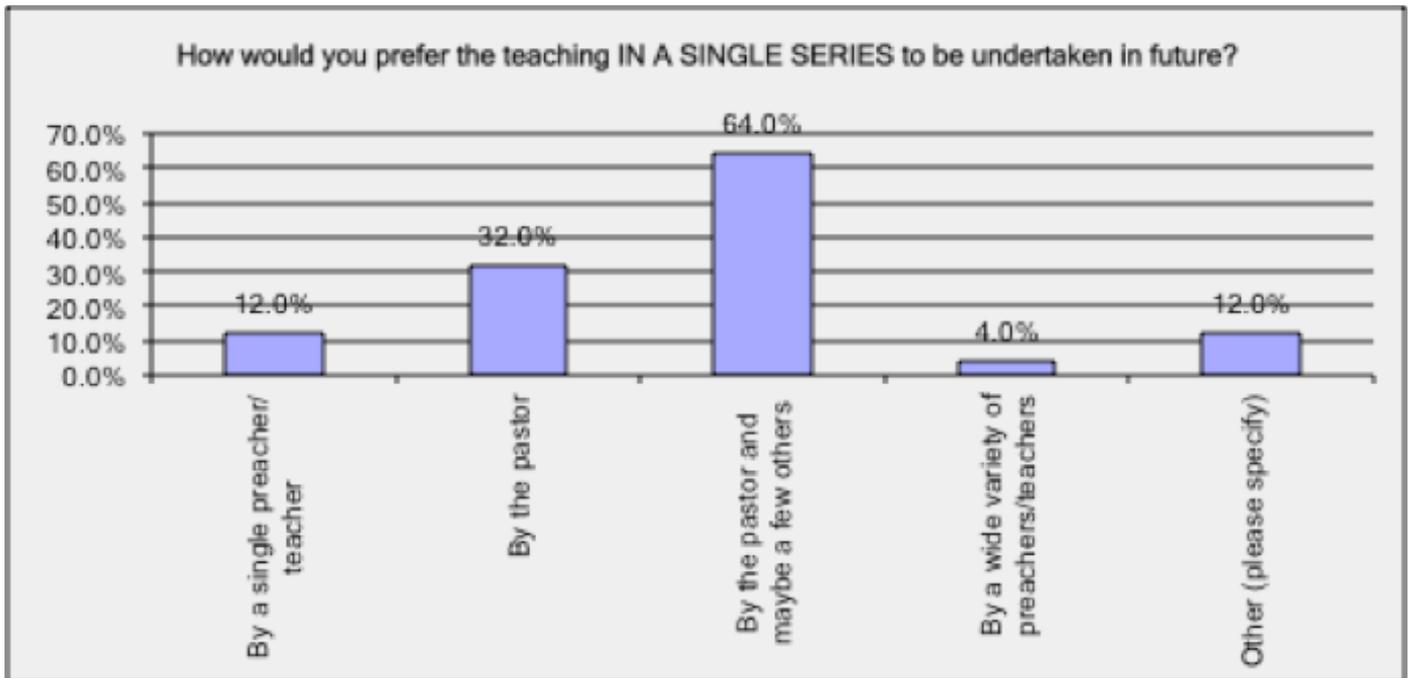
Did the teaching on James impact on your life?		
Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Significant change in my	12.5%	3
Some change in my behaviour	66.7%	16
No change in my behaviour	20.8%	5
Please tell us what has changed in your life?	19	19
<i>answered question</i>		24
<i>skipped question</i>		1

This was the most helpful contribution from the survey. It demonstrates that the majority of listeners made a response to God in the light of the teaching. This is what we all long to see isn't it? God changing us - perhaps little by little, but still being active in our lives. We praise God for this very encouraging evidence. Even for those who noted no change, it was because, in the majority of cases, change had been experienced already in the light of their previous studies.

It was also encouraging to have confirmation of the pattern of delivery being made by the pastor (thank you!) but supplemented by outside speakers for variety and also for other TCF members to develop or benefit from their gifting.

Thank you for the willingness to respond to the survey

...and your prayerful support!



Would you recommend attendance at TCF on the basis of the teaching on James?

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Definitely	70.8%	17
Probably	20.8%	5
Probably not	8.3%	2
Please give a brief reason for your answer.		16
<i>answered question</i>		24
<i>skipped question</i>		1

The majority of respondents also confirmed that the teaching series was just right (67% and 4 each thought it was too short or too long. In terms of recommending TCF on the basis of teaching,

the response was encouraging but I am reminded of course that we should not be concerned over much about bringing people to church as bringing people to Jesus! The final question was to do with aspects the teaching that had particularly impacted on respondents thinking and these results show a good spread of reactions:

What is the most memorable element of the teaching on James that you will keep with you?

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Controlling the tongue	22.7%	5
Faith without works is dead	18.2%	4
Patience in suffering	13.6%	3
True religion is expressed in caring	9.1%	2
The nature of true wisdom	9.1%	2
The prayer of faith	9.1%	2
Sin of partiality	4.5%	1
Planning for the future	4.5%	1
Warning to the rich	4.5%	1
Other (please specify)	4.5%	1
<i>answered question</i>		22
<i>skipped question</i>		3

Thank you again for the ongoing support and willingness to hear and respond to God's word. Your prayers are such a vital part of my life and service.

Regarding other issues, I have been meeting with Christians Against Poverty, Bethany Trust and SOLAS (in Dundee) as well as local pastors and ministers to bring together ideas on evangelism and social action and the elders will be considering this in a paper to be presented to them in May.

Jim