



Sermos Study Guide

Faith And Deeds – James 2:14-26

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Opening Question

If someone were to secretly follow you around for 30 days, what proof would they see from your life that you are a follower of Christ?

Read Together

Read **James 2:14-26** as a group.

Big Idea

Our faith is made complete when it's accompanied by good deeds.

Discussion Questions

1. Think of a character from Scripture whose life demonstrates a commitment to living out their faith. What do you see in their lives that demonstrates the reality of their faith? (have each group member share one if possible)
2. What is the main point James is trying to make in this passage? (see verses 14, 17, 20 and 26)
3. What illustrations does James provide in making his point? Can someone review the story behind the Biblical illustrations? (see Genesis 22 and Joshua 2)
4. Why is faith alone not good enough? Why does James say that faith has to be accompanied by good deeds? (verse 18)
5. What example does James give to demonstrate the futility of a "faith alone" position in verse 19?
6. What is an example of someone in your life who has clearly demonstrated their faith by the way they lived around you?
7. Describe a time when you lived out your faith in practical terms in the life of someone else. What did God do in you as a result?
8. Think about where you're at right now. Can you describe yourself as the kind of person James is talking about? What will it take for you to move there?

Challenge

This week, ask God to help you to identify a specific opportunity in your workplace or neighbourhood to demonstrate the reality of your faith. Come prepared to share this with your group next week.

Prayer

As a group, take time to pray about how God wants your small group to engage in using your hands in some way to serve and work out your faith. In light of the makeup of your group, what could you do together that would impact people in your natural areas of giftedness and passion?

Next Step

This week why not take on a big challenge and memorize James 2:14-17?