



James Series Study Sheet

Week 7

Text: James 2:14-26

Message Title: Faith Works

Read James 2:14-26

In this passage James is addressing those who have a 'dead faith.' What does a dead faith look like, according to James? (see especially v17 & 26).

What is the difference between a dead faith and a living faith?

What is the relationship between faith and deeds/works according to James? Write down the words he uses to describe the connection between the two.

Many Christians struggle with the apparent contradiction between James 2:24 and Romans 3:28. Read these two verses. How would you reconcile the differences?

Discuss the way Paul and James use the example of Abraham in Romans 4:1-3 and James 2:21-24. Was Abraham justified by faith or works? Or both?

Read the example of Rahab in James 2:25. Given that Rahab was a prostitute, how was she an example of faith and works?

What is the connection between faith and deeds in your own life? How much do you see your faith outworked in action?

Where are the areas of your life where you still have a dead faith?

Talk about Christians you know or have heard of who have a living faith that is expressed in practical ways.

What steps could you take to cultivate a living faith that is expressed in greater obedience and surrender to God? How can your group members support you in this?

How do we do all this while keeping grace central and not drifting into legalism?