

LIFEGROUP

STUDY ON JAMES 2:14-26

These LifeGroup questions are structured to allow for deeper discussions following on from the Sunday sermon on the book of James. Please don't limit yourself to just these questions, feel free to ask more questions as the Spirit leads. But please don't feel you have to answer all of them either. May the Spirit lead you and your group to dig deeper into knowing more about God.

WARMING UP

1. What's the nicest thing a stranger has ever done for you?

READ JAMES 2:14-26 — OBSERVATIONS:

2. The passage is split into four sections, can you identify where and how it is split?
3. What examples were given in each of the 4 section?
4. For the four sections, there are also summary statements, can you identify them?

INTERPRETATION:

5. What do you think were the intentions of the author and his examples and summaries given in each section? Why?
6. Why was Abraham and Rahab both used as examples? What sets them apart? Are there similarities or differences between the two? Why?
7. How do these verses contradict Paul's teaching on the fact that we are saved by faith and not by works, yet James teaches faith alone does not save us? (See Ephesians 2:1-10) Or not? What/which is the correct teaching here?

8. Why is faith-only a bad idea? (faith without works)
Why is works-only a bad idea? (works without faith)
Where are you on the spectrum?

9. Why do you think people don't follow through with their actions despite saying things, declaring their faith out loud?

APPLICATION:

10. How does this passage apply to us today in our current settings of work/school/family/church and beyond? Give some examples of times when you struggle to demonstrate faith in action in those settings.
11. How can we practically move beyond just engaging in works-only, or faith-only, and combine faith with works?

MOVING FORWARD IN PRAYER

12. Share with your group, how God has been challenging you to move beyond what you normally say or do, and in moving you to step out of your comfort zone?

Spend some time praying for one another to be people of faith that steps out in action.