

Proving Your Faith Discussion Questions

James 2:14-26

1. What is God's work?
2. Read James 2:14-16. In what ways is your talk and walk matching up? In what ways are they not matching up?
3. Have you ever done something similar to what this passage describes? Why did you do it? How did you feel afterwards?
4. Have you ever helped someone by giving them money or something and found out it was not used the way you intended? How did that make you feel? Has it affected how you help and give to others since then? How and why?
5. Should we always help others out? If so, why? If not, how can we make wise decisions on when to help and when not to help?
6. Read James 2:17-18. How does focusing on the problems Paul and James were addressing help us to see that they are not contradictory, but complimentary? How are they complimentary?
7. What is the purpose of our good works?
8. What kind of fruit will true faith produce?
9. What actions is your faith prompting you to take?
10. Read James 2:19-20. What point is James making by saying "even the demons believe and shudder?" Why do they shudder? Are you like the demons, you know God exist, but have never truly surrendered to Him and committed to follow and obey Him?
11. How is your faith more than just an intellectual knowledge and an emotional decision? What are you doing for the kingdom?
12. Read Genesis 22:1-13 and James 2:21-24. How much faith did Abraham have in taking each step to prepare to offer his son Isaac as an offering? What provided the faith for him to get through this test? Are you trusting and leaning on these same things to help you stay strong in your faith?
13. How did this process mature Abraham's faith?
14. Read Joshua 2:1-16 and James 2:25. What risk did Rehab take in hiding the spies? Why would she take such a risk?
15. What risk have you taken to do something God was leading you to do?
16. How did Rehab's actions prove her faith in Israel's God?
17. Are your actions demonstrating your faith in God? If so, how? If not, why not?
18. What commitments and stands are you making to keep yourself humble and pure?