



A STUDY OF JAMES

HOW FAITH WORKS IN LIFE

How Faith Works-Part 5: ***How Faith Works in Life***

James 2:14-26

Tips for using this discussion guide.

Purpose

The primary purpose of this discussion guide is to reinforce and deepen the lessons of a Grace Church sermon series.

Tips

- < Set the Tone: Help create a relaxed, welcoming, expectant environment for God by greeting and learning about each other.
- < Pray: Pray at the beginning of each meeting as well as between meetings.
- < Balance the Communication Flow: As a group leader or a member, give opportunities for each person to engage in the discussion, instead of dominating the conversation.
- < Select the Questions: It is not necessary to discuss all the questions or to discuss them in order. You may begin with the question that you believe will generate the most meaningful discussion for your group.
- < Say, **“I Don’t Know”**: The group leader does not need to have all the answers. Saying “I don’t know” is an acceptable answer in small group meetings.

Discussion Questions

This discussion considers the weighty issue of the relationship between faith and works. Consider the example of Abraham.

- Genesis 15:6 (Abram believed in the Lord and God accounted it to him for righteousness.)
 - Genesis 22:7-18
 - Romans 4:1-5
1. Read James 2:14-17 and Luke 7:37-38&50. Give examples of ways you can express your faith.
 2. Read James 2:18-20 and Luke 6:43-45. Explain how good and bad works are evidence of your faith.
 3. Read James 2:21-26.
 - Read Ephesians 2:8-10. Discuss the role of faith and works before and after salvation.
 - Read 1John 3:15-19. How can you know that the love of God resides in you?