



11 -WEEK STUDY IN THE BOOK OF JAMES

WEEK 5

“Action”

James 2:14-26

WEEKLY READING

Primary text from this week: James 2:14-26

Secondary text from this week: Genesis 22, Joshua 1

GETTING STARTED

Goals for this session: To correctly understand the relationship between, faith, works, and salvation

Missed the sermon? Watch it at www.youtube.com/venturamissionary

Break the Ice: How are you at gardening? Are you better at keeping plants alive or killing them slowly?

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. In **James 2:17**, James calls faith without action “dead.” What do you think he means by that?
2. Pastor Doug summed this section of the Bible up with the phrase: *faith without action isn't really faith at all*. After reading this section, do you agree with that? Why or why not?
3. Pastor Doug encouraged us to read **Hebrews 11** and look for the relationship between faith and action. As a group, skim through **Hebrews 11** and see how many times you see faith followed by some sort of action (hint: look for words like “brought” and “built,” etc.). How many examples can you find?
4. Re-read the short section about Abraham in **Hebrews 11:17-20**. Notice that James and the (unknown) author of Hebrews use the same example of faith in action. Discuss the relevance of that similarity.
5. Read **James 2:15-16**. Have you ever done this? Describe a time you have dismissed or ignored a person in need. (Note: the phrase, “go in peace” was an ancient way to dismiss someone from your presence, kind of like saying, “well, it's probably time for you to leave.”)
6. Why do you think that James chose to use Rahab the prostitute (see **Joshua 2**) as an example of faith when writing to a pious group of Jewish Jesus followers?
7. What was one thing we haven't discussed that resonated with you as you listened to Pastor Doug's message?

PRAY

Pray on your own: Pray that God would lead you to selflessly serve someone else this week.

ACTION STEPS

1. Read Hebrews 11 and reflect on the relationship between faith and action.

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