

LifeGroup Meeting

Faith/Works 3
“Faith that is Alive”

Get To Know You Question:

When was a time you felt the most alive? Where were you, and what were you doing?

Let's Dig Deeper

1. Someone read all of **James 2:21-26**. Spend some time and share some key words that spoke out to you while reading. What is it about those words that spoke to you? Try to find something that you didn't see last time you read this.
2. How is justified by works different than justified by grace through faith?
3. **Go back and read the account of Abraham and Isaac in Geneses 22.**
 - How did these actions demonstrate Abraham's faith?
 - What does that say about Abraham's faith?
 - What does that say about his works?
 - What exactly was Abraham believing in?
 - Abraham believed in the Lord in **Genesis 15**, and it was credited to him as righteousness. Do you think it is significant that the faith in **Genesis 15** came several chapters before the works of **Genesis 22**? Does faith generally come first? Explain.
4. **Go back and read the account of Rahab in Joshua 9.**
 - What do you know about Rahab? What did she do to get mentioned in the Bible?
 - Is it a mistake to name a prostitute as an example of good works? Why would he do this?
 - How would you describe Rahab's statement of faith, especially in **Joshua 2:11**?

- Why do you think she was one of the four women mentioned in Mathew's genealogy of Jesus?
- How did her actions demonstrate her faith?

5. Someone read James 2:26

- In **verse 26**, "spirit" is a translation of the Greek word *pneuma*. This word refers to that which gives life to the body. In some places *pneuma* is translated "breath". With the meaning of *pneuma* in mind, take another look at **verse 26**.
- How does that affect your understanding of that verse?
- Can you think of any areas in our church or in our community where you can regularly volunteer and serve as you put your faith to action?
- As a group, discuss whether you think your faith...right now...is alive, dead, or stale. Discuss why you think that and possible ways in which our works can make it alive again if it is not already.

6. End in prayer.