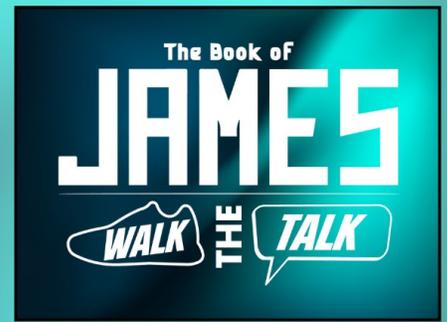


LARGE GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS



LEADER REMINDER: Did you check out “This Week” on the Leader Tab of the RUSH App yet? The “This Week” section is where you will find everything small group leaders need to know about what is happening each week this year. “This Week” is updated each Friday at 12noon. Suggestion, set a weekly reminder on your phone so you don’t forget to check it!

10.2.24 & 10.9.24 KEY TEXT: James 2: 14-26 “Faith In Action”

Lesson Summary:

Tonight’s lesson will put a spotlight on what the Book of James repeatedly emphasizes to believers: putting your faith in action is NOT about trying harder to perform in an attempt to be right with God to earn salvation.

For those who CLAIM to be a Christian, your faith (what you believe about God, His authority in your life and His will and guidelines for how you should live your life) SHOULD change how you live your life because of the Holy Spirit living in you and transforming you to be more like Jesus.

It is NOT about work harder, try harder, perform better. Someone once said, “if your faith hasn’t changed you, you should question whether or not your faith has saved you.” That is a question worth thinking about!

Main Points:

Key Truth:

FAITH That Does NOT Lead To ACTION Is WORTHLESS

Three Truths About Faith In Action:

1. **SAVING faith does more than TALK**
2. **ACTIONS reflect BELIEFS**
3. **FAITH and ACTION are PARTNERS**

Discussion Questions:

1. Do you CLAIM to be a saved follower of Jesus? Yes or no? Share why.

LEADERS:

- *If a student says “yes, I claim to be a saved follower of Jesus” be sure to have them share details/reasons to support their answer.*
- *If a student says “no, I do not claim to be a follower of Jesus” be sure to ask them why/what stands in the way of you placing your trust in Jesus and what He did on the cross to save you and lead your life?*

2. If someone was able to observe your public & private life this past month, what do you think they would say about how important YOUR faith is to YOU? Explain why.

3. You keep hearing that the Book of James is NOT telling Jesus followers to put their faith into action by just “trying harder”; since it is not about “trying harder” WHERE does the motivation come from then (for Jesus followers to put their faith into action)?

ANSWER: The motivation comes from the transforming work of the Holy Spirit living in believers that results in believers being able to live out their faith with action. The Holy Spirit convicts’ believers to action, it ISN’T that believers are just “trying harder.”

4. Using Pastor Charles’ illustration with the bike, which pedal do you think are you missing right now? Faith? Action? Both? Explain why.

5. What is one example in your life where you say that you believe something BUT your actions and your life DON’T show it? (Example: “I believe that honoring my parents is important, but I don’t do it.”)

- a. What is 1 thing that you can do this week to change that? (Example: pray for Jesus to give you a heart change in this area, have someone hold you accountable to making changes in this area, etc.)

6. Share an example of someone in your life whose faith in God IS evident by their actions and how you see them live their life?

- a. Do you think it is easy or hard for this person to live like this?
- b. What can you learn by observing this person?

