

PT. 5: FAITH & DEEDS

SCRIPTURE: JAMES 2:14-26

MAIN POINT: REAL FAITH LEADS TO GOOD DEEDS.

THE DIVINE ORDER



Warning: Don't reverse the order.

THREE TYPES OF "SAVED"

- What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if someone claims to have faith but has no deeds? Can such faith save them? (v.14)

1. Past Salvation: _____ you
 2. Present Salvation: _____ you
 3. Future Salvation: Fully _____ you
- Observations: _____

FOUR TRUTHS ABOUT FAITH AND DEEDS

1. Real faith can't do everything, but it can do _____
 • James 2:15-17
2. Right believing leads to right _____
 • James 2:18-19
3. Real faith loves the _____ more than the promise.
 • James 2:20-24
4. Your _____ outweighs your practice.
 • James 2:25-26

OTHER NOTES

PT. 5: GROUP GUIDE

THEME:

Real faith is not just something you claim.
It is something that moves into action.

SCRIPTURE:

James 2:14–26



ICE-BREAKER

1. What's something you used to say you believed as a kid, but you only really "believed" it once you acted on it (like riding a bike, saving money, trusting a coach)?
2. If faith had a "motion sensor," what kinds of actions would prove it is actually alive?



REFLECT (Read James 2:14–26 TOGETHER)

3. James asks, "Can such faith save them?" (James 2:14). In your own words, what kind of "faith" is James challenging here? (See also James 2:17)
4. Read James 2:15–17. Why does James use such a practical example (food and clothing) to talk about faith? What does this reveal about how God wants faith to work in everyday life? (See also 1 John 3:16–18)
5. James says faith without action is dead (James 2:17, 26). What are some reasons people can sincerely believe, but still struggle to take action? (See also Matthew 7:21)

6. The sermon emphasized God's order: grace leads, faith receives, and works follow. How does remembering that order protect us from guilt, legalism, or burnout? (Ephesians 2:8–10; Titus 3:5)



TAKE ACTION

7. James says, "I will show you my faith by my deeds" (James 2:18). What is one area where you want your faith to become more visible: generosity, serving, forgiveness, courage, integrity, compassion? (See Galatians 5:6)
8. James says real faith can't do everything, but it does something. What is one "something" you can do this week for a person in need, a coworker, a neighbor, or someone in your group? (James 2:15–16; Hebrews 13:16)
9. Think of a time you stepped out in obedience and God met you in it. What did you learn about God, and what might that same lesson look like in your life right now? (James 2:22; Philippians 4:13)
10. What would change in our church and city if more believers lived a faith that "works" in public and private? How can our group encourage action without becoming performative or judgmental?



CLOSING CHALLENGES

- Practice: Choose one action that matches your faith this week. Write it down, pray over it, and do it within 48 hours. Then share what happened with the group next time.
- Prayer: Pray for a living faith that trusts Jesus deeply and moves outward in love. Ask God to open your eyes to one person to serve and give you the courage to act.