

SOMETHING'S MISSING | WEEK 1

Date: October 9th, 2022

Verses: James Overview



SERIES INSIGHT

There's a gap between invisible faith and visible faith, conviction and commitment, how we walk and how we talk, our doctrine and duty - the list goes on. Simply put, it's not enough to be hearers of the word, but to do something what it says (James 1:22-25), because faith without action is dead (James 2:17). **Something's Missing**, but the opportunity of faith calls us into a real living faith with Jesus not only as Savior, but Lord!

ICEBREAKER

- What fictional world or place would you like to visit?
- If you could bring back any fashion trend what would it be?

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. **Review the Message.** Looking back at your notes and upon reflecting on this weekend's message, what was your one takeaway from Sunday?
2. In James 1:1, he identifies himself in as a "Servant of God". He could have identified himself as anything else, but he chose this title. What does it look like to be a servant of God?
 - **Answer Insight:** *It's that Jesus is not just savior, but my Lord. You can be saved and messed up. But if he's also our Lord, we behave differently and allow him to transform us.*
3. What does "faith" mean to you? How do you know you have it?
4. How should Christians live out their faith?
5. The posture of the book of James seeks to apply Jesus' words in "If you love me, you'll do what I command". It's not a "love or else" posture, but rather a "love me because there's so much more than just 'being saved'" posture. How do you see these two postures at work in our society? Is there a posture you are more easily accustomed to? In what ways?
6. The book of James leans into various topics throughout. The good news is that he hits something for EVERYONE. Looking at some of the topics below, what area(s) are you wrestling with? Are there areas not listed here that you are wrestling with? Take some time to talk about them and then pray for one another.
 - Trials, temptation, anger, frustrations, being selfish, lacking compassion, jealousy, language and way you talk, bitter envy, conflict, arrogance, success, pride, possessions and wealth

PRAYER

- Allow people to share requests and celebrate any praise reports as well. Consider having someone write down the requests to share with the group. Take time to pray however long your group needs.



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