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SUNDAY RECAP

This weekend was week 4 of 8 in our sermon series studying **the Book of James**. Before starting the discussion questions with your group, pray together and invite the Holy Spirit to be present with you as you study through this passage. The discussion questions for this week incorporates excerpts from a Bible study guide of James written by N.T. Wright. (*N.T. Wright For Everyone, Bible Study Guides*).

ICEBREAKER: Who is your football team? If football is not for you, what sport do you enjoy instead (if any)?

READ THE PASSAGE TOGETHER: James 2:14-26

DISCUSS

1. This passage includes the idea that faith that lacks works doesn't work (James 2:17). Pastor Donny said: "Works for James is the sum total of a changed life that is brought about by faith in Christ." How do you wrestle with the tension of this? What are the implications? How can we misinterpret and/or misapply it to our lives?
2. Re-read James 2:20-26. James gives proof for his argument that a faith that doesn't produce good works is useless. What do the lives of Abraham and Rahab illustrate? What are the similarities and differences between these two characters?
3. What are some of the works [deeds] that James is referring to in this passage?
 - Caring for the p_____
 - Not showing f_____
 - Loving your n_____ as y_____What others do you see in his letter that you could add to this list?
4. As you consider this passage, how do you want to grow as a person of faith that is demonstrated and fulfilled by a life of works?

PRAYER TIME: Spend time sharing prayer requests. Specifically pray for the Holy Spirit to reveal where in your life and experience your faith needs to translate into action. Take a moment to sit quietly and think about this. Pray together as a group.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Meet the Missionaries** - 10/4 | 6p | Details at fairoaks.church/missions
- **WFO Women's Brunch** - 10/5 | 9:30-11:30a | Details at fairoaks.church/events
- **Community Food Drive** - 10/7 | Divine Savior Church | Learn more and sign up to volunteer at fairoaks.church/missions
- **2024 Mission Trip Interest Meeting** - 10/15 | 11:45a | Kids Assembly Room | Details at fairoaks.church/missions
- **Partnership Track** - 10/22 & 10/29 | 12p-2p | 2-week course to learn about our church and what it means to belong at Fair Oaks | Info & RSVP at fairoaks.church/events (Lunch Provided, Childcare Available w/ RSVP)
- **Trunk or Treat** - 10/28 | 6-7:30p | Donate candy & sign up to decorate a trunk at fairoaks.church/events

