



More than Words: Faith in Action

Matthew 7:16-20

Discussion Questions:

1. What story do your actions tell?

Jesus said, “You will know them by their fruits” (Matt. 7:20).

When you reflect on your consistent daily behavior, how you treat others, how you speak, what you prioritize, what story do your actions tell you about your heart and your faith? What kind of “fruit” do you think others see in your life?

2. Why do you think it’s easier to say the right things than to live the right way?

Consider the Pharisees, Sam Bankman-Fried, or even modern Christian culture.

What makes it so tempting to focus on image and reputation rather than obedience to God’s word? How do we guard against becoming people who say “Lord, Lord” but don’t do the Father’s will?

3. When have you felt the tension between knowing what’s right and actually doing it?

James says, “Be doers of the word, and not hearers only” (James 1:22).

Can you share a time when you struggled to live out your faith? What helped you take a step of obedience? What keeps us from doing what we know we should do?

4. How do you recognize if your worship is sincere or just routine?

Jesus quoted Isaiah saying, “This people honors Me with their lips, but their heart is far from Me” (Matt. 15:8).

What are some signs that your heart is truly engaged in worship and obedience to God? What habits help you keep your relationship with God active and sincere?

5. Why does true faith always lead to action?

“Faith without works is dead” (James 2:17).

How do you distinguish between trying to earn salvation by works and allowing grace to produce works in your life? How can we encourage one another to walk out our faith in practical ways?

6. If someone could only observe your actions (not hear your words), would they know you follow Jesus?

Reflect on Titus 1:16 and 1 John 3:18.

What changes, if any, would you want to make in your life so that your faith is more visible through your actions? How can your group help each other live with greater integrity and impact for God's kingdom?