

## Saved People, Serve People.

**Ice-Breaker:** *(Group Leader - Have everyone in your group answer this question. Start with one person and then proceed around the group in a circle until the last person has answered. Be specific with who you would like to start with.)*

- What has been the best customer service you have ever received?

**Small Group Focus:** Serving others

Service <sup>1</sup>sərvəs/ noun

1. the action of helping or doing work for someone.

**Tough Questions to Consider:** *(Group Leader - Ask 3 or 4 specific people to answer these questions.)*

1. In regards to Jesus, which of one these is more important than the other?... **What you do** or **what you believe**?
2. Is it possible to work your way to heaven? Why or Why not?
3. How do we determine motive?

**TEXT James 2:14-19 Faith & Deeds** *(Group Leader - Ask someone to read the text out loud.)*

*What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if someone claims to have faith but has no deeds? Can such faith save them? Suppose a brother or a sister is without clothes and daily food. If one of you says to them, "Go in peace; keep warm and well fed," but does nothing about their physical needs, what good is it? In the same way, faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead.*

*But someone will say, "You have faith; I have deeds."*

*Show me your faith without deeds, and I will show you my faith by my deeds. You believe that there is one God. Good! Even the demons believe that—and shudder.*

**Group Question:** *(Group Leader - Ask 2 or 3 specific people to answer these questions.)*

- Is it possible to believe that there is a God and to experience no change in your life?
- Why or Why not?
- If the Spirit of God lives in you, what should come out of you?
- Should we focus more on the Spirit of God that lives in us or the action that should come out of us?
- **Bonus Text:**

**Galatians 5:22-23** *But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law.*

- What is the meaning of the statement? **"Against such things there is no law."**

**TEXT James 2:20-26 Faith & Deeds** *(Group Leader - Ask someone to read the text out loud.)*

*You foolish person, do you want evidence that faith without deeds is useless? Was not our father Abraham considered righteous for what he did when he offered his son Isaac on the altar? You see that his faith and his actions were working together, and his faith was made complete by what he did.*

*And the scripture was fulfilled that says, "Abraham believed God, and it was credited to him as righteousness," and he was called God's friend. You see that a person is considered righteous by what they do and not by faith alone.*

*In the same way, was not even Rahab the prostitute considered righteous for what she did when she gave lodging to the spies and sent them off in a different direction? As the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without deeds is dead.*

**Group Question:** *(Group Leader - Ask 2 or 3 specific people to answer these questions.)*

- What do you think of the idea that saved people, serve people?

**Closing Challenge:** *(Group Leader - Ask everyone to answer the challenge.)*

- What is one thing, that we can do this week to serve others better?

**Closing Prayer:** *(Group Leader - Ask someone to pray for the group out loud or have everyone in the group pray.)*

- Holy Spirit, we invite you to use our lives to serve others and show them God.

**Thanks:** Thanks to everyone for coming to group.