

PUSH MY BUTTONS

Part 1: Push Play

Objective: To encourage each of us to begin living out our faith in such a way that people will know we are followers of Jesus before we have to tell them.

What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if someone claims to have faith but has no deeds? Can such faith save them? 15 Suppose a brother or a sister is without clothes and daily food. 16 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? 17 In the same way, faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead.

18 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. 19 You believe that there is one God. Good! Even the demons believe that—and shudder.

James 2:14-19

- When you hear the phrase “talk is cheap” what comes to mind?
- Have you ever known someone who ‘talked a good game’ but never really delivered? (Maybe it was in sports, or business, etc.). How did other people respond to them? How did you feel about them?
- James says that faith, if not accompanied by action, is dead. Give some examples of what a ‘dead faith’ might look like?
- What do you think is more important, right belief or right actions? Why? Do you think it is possible to have right actions if you don’t have right beliefs?
- What do you believe about Jesus? Does that belief impact the way you act? If so, how? (Or how would you act differently if you didn’t believe what you do about Jesus?)
- Based on how we (the church) act, do you think our community thinks we believe what we say we believe?
- In your own context, what would it look like to bring Jesus to people instead of bringing people to Jesus?

Consider this week:

- What is one way you can begin to live out your faith so that others will know you follow Jesus before you have to tell them about it?

Final Thought: If talk is cheap but real faith makes a real difference, then make it your goal to make a difference in your spheres of influence without ever having to say a word.