

Sermon Discussion Questions
For the Week of February 6, 2022

Sermon Information:

Faith Works
James 2:14-26

Question: Is a claimed faith that yields no fruit true faith?

Explanation: True faith is not merely intellectual or emotional, it is transformational.

Illustrations: The faith of God's people has always been seen in their lives.

Conclusion: "We're saved by faith alone, but not by a faith that remains alone."

Discussion Questions:

1. Read Romans 3:28 and 5:1. What important doctrine is Paul explaining in these verses? How would you explain this doctrine to a non-Christian? Read James 2:24. How would you respond to someone who says that James is contradicting Paul?
2. Do you ever make claims that aren't evidenced by your actions? For example, do you ever claim to care about someone/something, but your actions don't ever show that you care? How could you apply the truth of this passage to that situation?
3. How would you counsel someone who claims to have faith but has no fruit in their lives? How could you speak to that person in a way that is loving and gracious and not harsh?
4. Read John 15:1-11. How is this teaching from Jesus similar to what James writes in James 2:14-26? Why is fruit a helpful metaphor for thinking about the relationship of faith and works?
5. What truths from this passage do you need to apply to your life this week? What truths from this passage do you need to share with others this week?