

Take Away – Embrace the And: Faith & Works

Text: James 2: 14 – 20

Date: 9-18-22



With your group...

Answer each of the following questions prompted by the text and/or today's sermon.

1. The doctrinal question of whether salvation is by faith or by works has divided Christian denominations for centuries. How is what Christ Greenfield believes different from what some other denominations and world religions and what is our understanding of "Faith and Works" here based upon?
2. From a worldly perspective, why is it important to have deeds along with faith? What does Jesus say about faith and works (Matthew 7:26-27)?
3. Proper motivation is important in understanding the value of our works. What are we being asked to do and why? (1 John 3:16-18)
4. Does James 2:18 contradict Paul in Romans 3:28 when he writes "man is justified (saved) by faith without the deeds (works) of the law"?
5. How do Paul's words in Colossians 3:23 and 2 Corinthians 5:10 provide motivation for letting your deeds demonstrate your faith?
6. How can the phrase "I will pray for you" sometimes be a cop out? How can you make sure that you do pray for people that you say you will pray for?
7. Chronology is important when it comes to faith and works. Paul explains the sequence in Ephesians 2:8-10. What are the three steps and why it so important to keep them in the proper order?
8. What does living faith look like? What kind of works might accompany living faith? What does dead faith look like? Is dead faith a real faith?
9. Considering James 2:19, is it possible to believe in God and not be saved? What is the difference in saving faith and non-saving belief like the demons had? Why do the demons shudder?