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Life Hacks: Being Certain of Eternity
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MESSAGE NOTES:

James 2:14-26

Matthew 7:21-23 Jesus

Ephesians 2:8-9 Paul

James 2:14-26 James

Equations

STUDY GUIDE:

Reference:

Open in prayer and read James 2:14-26.

Review: What was one thing from this weekend's message that challenged, confused, or stood out to you?

Reflect:

1. The familiar expression "talk is cheap" resonates with what James is teaching. What are some terms we use to describe someone who talks a good game, but never does anything?

2. What role have examples of other's faithfulness played in the development of your own faith?
 - a. What does this tell you about the significance of living out our faith?
 - b. What kind of works do you think demonstrate true faith?
3. To get the full story of Abraham's potential sacrifice of his son Isaac, read Genesis 22:1-19 and Hebrews 11:17-19. How could Abraham do what he did and be considered righteous?
4. Read Romans 3:21-24 & 28. Does this passage contradict James 2:21-24? Why or why not?
5. Joshua chapters 2 & 6 tell the story of Rahab, who is usually referred to as "the prostitute." Why is that detail important to the story? What does it teach us about God?
6. One of the possible outcomes of this passage is to set up a checklist that we can use to evaluate the faith of others. Is that a legitimate application of this passage? Explain.

Respond/Reinforce:

This week, sit down with someone you trust - maybe your spouse, another family member, or a close friend. Courageously ask them about where they see inconsistencies between the way you live your life and the faith you proclaim. Next week, to begin your next Life Group meeting, share what you learned. To the best of your ability, share your thoughts about how you think this can change through the power of the Gospel. Stay away from a list of "to-do's" and focus on the attitude of your heart toward God.