

Faith that Works!
Passing the test of living faith!

Introduction: Priming the pump for tonight's discussion.

- Let's begin with our own observations. What is one thing that stood out to you from the message that you would share with the group? Was there a moment where God spoke to you personally through His Word?

Exploration: Questions to guide our group discussion.

- James introduced a test of genuine faith. He wrote that genuine faith (faith that's really alive) always results in works that give evidence to a transformed life. According to the Bible, what are some of the evidences of a transformed life that validate our faith? In other words, what are some Biblical indicators of real faith?
- James taught us this week that workless faith is worthless faith. He asked two powerful questions in verse 14 that imply two conclusions. Let's dig into this verse again to identify James' two questions, and to fully understand the rhetorical answers. Let's discuss!
- According to verses 18-20, how should we respond to a person who says..."it doesn't matter what you do so long as your heart is in the right place?" What does the Bible say about this idea?
- James wrote that head knowledge alone about Jesus is no different than the belief system of Satan and the Demons. Since doctrine alone won't save anyone, how does this idea reinforce the idea that Jesus has to be both our Savior and our Lord?

Additional Scriptures for Deeper Study:

- Isaiah 29:13/Matthew 15:18
- Titus 1:10-16
- 3 John 1:11
- John 14:23-24

Application: How can I apply this to my life this week?

- The scriptures encourage us to examine ourselves to see if we are in the faith (2 Corinthians 13:5). If we're looking at ourselves with honest eyes, can we see evidences

of our surrender to Christ in our own lives? What would those closest to us say about our faith?

- If you've discovered that you're a head knowledge Christian, but the evidences of genuine faith are missing, would you take some time to do real business with Jesus? Would you truly repent and surrender yourself to follow Jesus by faith?