

Group Questions

1. Respond to this statement: It is unloving to question whether someone has genuine biblical faith.
2. How would you define biblical faith to an unbeliever?
3. If not even mature Christians are sinless, how can we hope to meet James's standard in this passage?
4. What does your treatment of those in need reveal about your faith?
5. Given that we have limited time and resources, what is our responsibility to the needy?
6. Why is it so easy to blur the line between doing a good work as a means to salvation and doing a good work as evidence of salvation?
7. What counsel would you give to a friend who believes the teachings of Scripture but has no spiritual fruit?
 - a. What counsel would you give to another believer who has evidence of genuine faith but who never feels like he or she measures up to God's standard?
8. How is mere intellectual assent similar to demonic faith?
9. If God ultimately produces spiritual fruit in our lives, what role do we play in pursuing greater maturity in the faith?
 - a. What works or spiritual disciplines are you tempted to rely on for a right standing before God?
 - b. What's the danger of leaving the gospel out of a discussion on the works God requires?
10. What passages of Scripture would you point someone to in order to show them the kind of fruit God expects from His people?