

FAITH AND DEEDS
JAMES 2:14-26

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Lifegroup Guide
James

PRE LG TEXT
MESSAGE QUESTIONS

How do you feel about sharing the Gospel of Christ with others? This is what we'll be discussing at Lifegroup tonight as we continue our study on the book of James.

SCRIPTURE
MEMORIZATION

James 2:26

10N1 FOLLOW UP

Where have I been slacking in my "faith" life? Have there been questions I haven't wrestled with? Has my belief in Jesus been something I believe with my entire heart? Where have I been slacking in my "actions" life? Have I not been reading scripture? Have I not been spending time in prayer? Have I not been sharing my faith with other people?

OVERVIEW

The following video by The Bible Project gives a great overview of the book of James: <https://youtu.be/qn-hLHWwRYY>

INTRODUCTION

- Do you think your faith is exclusively personal? Or should it be shared with others? Why?
- What is the purpose of being a believer? (Bring the Kingdom of Heaven on Earth, share God's love with one another, etc.)

James 2:14

- How do you interpret this scripture?
- What do you think it looks like to have both faith AND deeds?
- Ask yourself these questions:
 - 1. Do I have faith? (Do I believe in Jesus and have a relationship with Him?)
 - 2. Do I have action in my life spiritually? (Do I read my Bible? Do I pray? Do I share about my belief in Christ with others?)
- If you answered no to having faith, what is a step you can take to be in a position to say "yes, I do have faith?" (Give your life to Christ, have conversations about questions you have surrounding your belief in Christ)
- If you answered no to having action in your life spiritually, what is a step you can take to be in a position to say "yes, I do have action?" (Read a chapter of scripture every day, pray for 10 minutes every day, participate in conversation during LG, ask to help lead LG one week!)

James 2:20-24

- Do you know the story of Abraham being tested and sacrificing Isaac?
- Read Genesis 22:1-19. How do you see Abraham having both faith and deeds that are talked about in James 2?
- Do you think it was easy for Abraham to have both faith and deeds?
- Do you think it would have been easier for him to just choose one or another?

SAY SOMETHING LIKE: *Without faith, actions are pointless. Without action, our faith is complacent. Both are needed in order for our faith to be fulfilled to its fullest and for us to be most like Christ! Jesus believed the truths that he taught, but he then went out and healed, prayed, taught, and shared that truth with others. Our faith and actions have to align with one another and be walked out together!*

APPLICATION

- What is one way that you can put your faith into action through works this week?

