



STUDY GUIDE FIVE – FROM SERMON ON OCTOBER 12

Faith is more than words or good intentions—it's meant to be alive and active. In this passage, James challenges us to consider whether our faith is real by the evidence of our actions. True faith doesn't just believe; it moves, serves, and obeys. As we study together, let's invite God to show us how our faith can be more than a belief in the mind—how it can shape our lives in ways that reflect His love and truth.

READ JAMES 2:14-17 TOGETHER

James asks, “Can such faith save them?” (v. 14). What kind of faith is he describing here?

Why does James say faith without works is dead? How would you explain this to someone who thinks good deeds earn salvation?

James gives an example of a brother or sister in need (vv. 15–16). Why is failing to help such a person a sign of dead faith?

READ JAMES 2:18-19 TOGETHER

How does James answer the argument, “You have faith; I have deeds”?

What does James mean when he says, “Even the demons believe—and shudder” (v. 19)? How does this challenge a shallow definition of faith?

READ JAMES 2:20-26 TOGETHER

How do Abraham's actions show that his faith was real? What does it mean that his faith was “made complete” by what he did?

How does Rahab's example illustrate the same truth? Why do you think James chose these two very different people?

In what way does verse 26 (“faith without works is dead”) summarize James' entire argument?

WRAPPING IT UP

How do we balance James' teaching here with Paul's teaching that we are saved by faith alone (Ephesians 2:8–9)?

How can your faith become more visible this week in your home, workplace, or community?

What practical step will you take to ensure your faith is active, not just intellectual?

Close your time together by praying for one another.