

Life Group Discussion Material - Sunday, November 8th Message

Working Faith: James 2:14-26

Refine Your Faith

1. In many of Paul's writings, he uses the term *justified* in a legal context, stating that a believer has been set free before God due to faith in Christ alone. James uses the term *justified* in context that something genuine has been proven to be genuine. Do you see how misunderstanding the context of the word could cause a lot of confusion when someone reads the Bible, especially the Book of James? Read James 2:21 and discuss it.
2. Many of the Biblical authors use rhetorical questions in their writings. Even Jesus asked many rhetorical questions. Why do you think they do this and why is it important?
3. What is the point that James is trying to make with his rhetorical question in verse 14?
4. After reading verses 15-16, how can you actively participate in meeting someone's needs besides simply handing them what they need?
5. Discuss the following quote:
"Word of compassion without works of compassion."
6. How significant is verse 19 in context of James' overall message in this chapter? Discuss why it is significant.
7. Discuss the following quote:
"Godly works come down to motive. Is the motive from faith or ego?"
8. How does Paul balance both faith & works in Ephesians 2:8-10?
9. Consider where you are at in this season of life. What are the good works that God is putting before you right now? How are you doing? *Hint: raising children to love the Lord and teaching them the Bible is a noble and honorable work*