



CONVERSATION STARTER

What are some things people often say they value but their actions usually don't match?

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NOTE: This would be a good time to reflect on how group members are doing in their memorization of James 1 if you've accepted the challenge together.

Read James 2:14-26

1. James says a person is "justified by works and not by faith alone" (v. 24). How do you reconcile this with the apostle Paul saying we are justified by faith apart from works (Romans 3:28)?
2. What role do works play in assurance of salvation?
3. How do we avoid two extremes: legalism (earning salvation) and antinomianism (obedience doesn't matter)?
4. James says even demons believe and shudder (v. 19). What kind of "faith" do demons have, and how is it fundamentally different from saving faith?
5. Where might you be tempted to say the right things spiritually, but not follow through with action?
6. Where in evangelistic or apologetic conversations could this passage be especially helpful in explaining what authentic Christianity looks like?
7. Think about your current rhythms (home, work, church). What are practical ways your faith could show up in action this week?

8. Chandler emphasized prayer as action. How can you grow in actually following through when you say, “I’ll pray for you”? How comfortable are you with praying for people on the spot? Challenge yourself to pray for someone in the moment this week and talk about your experience with your group during your next meeting.

9. What else from the sermon lingered with you this week? What questions or thoughts did it stir up?

NOTES

GROUP PRAYER

Go around the room and share a current need or personal prayer request. After one person shares, have the person to their right immediately pray for them. Move around the room clockwise until everyone has been prayed for. Afterwards, talk about ways you could tangibly help fulfill some needs in the group beyond prayer if applicable.