

James 2:14-26

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Sermon Study Guide

(Reminder: The purpose of the questions is to explore the text and themes of the sermon. **Do not feel a need to go through all of the questions.** The goal is to stimulate discussion/reflection and transformation related to the sermon text and themes.)

1. We may be surprised that James questioned someone's faith (v. 14)? Should elders of the church question someone's claim to be saved if there are no accompanying works? Should members ask?
2. What is the difference between living faith and dead faith? How alive is yours? How do you know? In what specific ways might living faith respond to the overwhelming needs in the world today (vv. 15-17)?
3. What point is James making in v. 19? What similarities are there between Abraham and Rahab? How do they illustrate what true faith is all about?
4. What contrasts are there between Abraham and Rahab? Why did James highlight these two particular believers?
5. If God has opened your eyes to areas where you are not obedient to the faith, how should you respond?