



Adult and Teen Life Groups Conferencing Guide

SERMON DATE: 05/27/2018
DISCUSSION DATE: 06/10/2018
TEXT: JAMES 2:14-26

I. A FAITH THAT SAVES IS A FAITH THAT TRANSFORMS.

A. Saving/Living Faith is Profitable – it produces a changed life (2:14-17).

1. The Profession of faith questioned (V. 14).
2. The Nature of such faith illustrated (2:15-16).
3. The Problem of Faith Pronounced (v. 17).

B. Saving/Living Faith is Fruitful – it engages in the work of God (2:18-20).

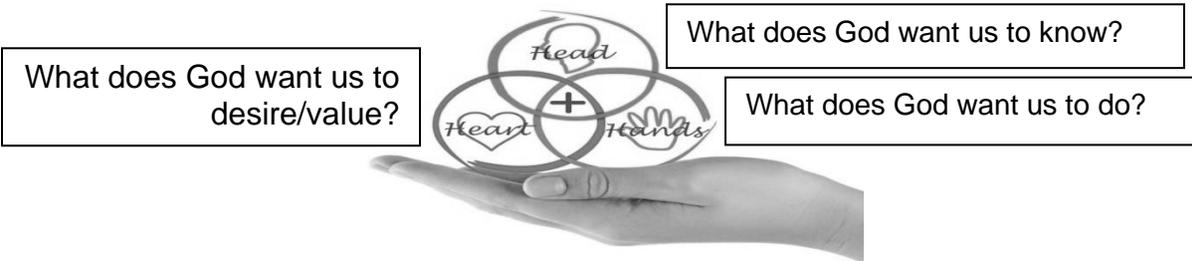
1. The Objection anticipated (v. 18a).
2. The Objection answered (2:18a-19).
3. The Appeal offered (v. 20).

C. Saving/Living Faith is Evident – It gives God first place in everything (v.v. 21-26).

1. The Evidence of Saving/Living faith in the life of Abraham, the friend of God (v.v. 21-23).
2. The Evidence of Saving/Living faith cannot be separated from the Possession (v. 24).

3. The evidence of Saving/Living faith in the life of Rahab, the harlot. .

ASK GOD FOR WISDOM TO APPLY HIS WORD IN OUR DAILY LIVES



We can summarize the purpose of this section as follows: ***The wisest sinner to have ever lived is teaching how to enjoy God's gift of life while embracing our finite/fallen limitations (Ecc. 6:10-11:6).***

1. **Read James 2:14; Ephesians 2:8-10; 2 Corinthians 5:17.** What question is James answers about faith? What question is Paul asking and answering faith (i.e. nature of justification)?
2. How does 2 Corinthians 5:17 help us to see that James and Paul both agree about the nature of saving/living faith?
3. Why is it important us to us to know and be able to distinguish between a dead and living faith?
4. **Read James 2:15-16; 1 John 3:17-18.** How have we offered words of compassion without following through with any actions? Every tell someone you will pray for them and not follow through? Every pray for God to meet the needs of another believer but failed to follow through on the conviction that you ought to do something about it?
5. **Read James 2:17.** Why is workless faith worthless faith? What kind of works does faith produces (i.e. see Eph 2:10)?
6. **Read James 2:18-20.** Can a person have saving/living faith and not have good works? What do the demons believe and even tremble over? What do demons lack?
7. What are these good works that flow forth from saving/living faith? How do we recognize them in our own lives?
8. **Read James 2:21-23; Genesis 15:1-6; 22:1-10; Hebrews 11:8.** When did Abraham first believe God's promises and act upon that belief? What did Abraham's offering of Isaac make evident? Did God need proof? For whose benefit was Abraham's obedience? Why does faith enable God's children to give Him first place in everything?
9. **Read John 15:14-15.** How does one live as a friend of God? How has Jesus revealed to us His Father's plans? What work has he given us to do (i.e. Matthew 28:18-20)?
10. **Read James 2:24-26.** What do works have to do with justification? What does God want us to know from James? How does God want us to apply this truth to our lives? Why is this so important?
11. How do we know that Rahab believed God's promises? Who dwells in the inner man of every person who is spiritually alive (i.e. been saved)? What will this produce in the lives of God's children?
12. How can we help one another as brothers and sisters in Christ to know that we have a saving/living faith? How does discipleship and D-groups play a key roll in the maturing of our faith- i.e. the in production of the kind of works that are pleasing to God and assure our hearts that we are His children?