

FAITH WORKS

Book of James Study Program

BACKGROUND:

A relationship with Christ brings with it a responsibility to make a difference in our world. Faith in Christ produces a natural outflow of service to others. Believers should be concerned with the well-being of those around them, and they must act on those concerns, choosing to sacrifice self-comfort for the good of others. Everything we do should bring glory to God so that others will be drawn to Him through our actions.

DAY 1: READ JAMES 2:14-17

1. When in your life have you had difficulty walking out your faith?
2. Would others say that your walk matches your talk? Why or why not?
3. How can you go the extra mile to help others whom you come in contact with?
4. How are faith and works related? How is God honored when the two work together?

Pray: Lord, teach me to pay attention to the good You want to do in this world. Help me to be intentional as I seek to be Your hands and feet in the world. Give me the courage to walk in a vibrant faith that is alive and useful for Your Kingdom. Amen.

DAY 2: READ JAMES 2:18-26

1. What is required of your faith that brings you to a level higher than just believing (like the demons)?
2. What does an “active” faith look like?
3. What does it mean to be called a “friend” of God?
4. How do you explain the understanding that “faith without works” is dead?

Pray: Father, help me to be active in my faith, living up to Your desires. Teach me what it means to be Your friend. Help me to live as more than just a believer. Thank you, God, for loving me the way You do. Amen.

DAY 3: READ MATTHEW 5:13-16

1. How does your life glorify God?
2. How are you intentionally living for Christ in front of others?
3. Has there ever been a time when your faith-walk has lost its saltiness? Describe that time.
4. How can you more effectively “let your light shine before others”?

Pray: Lord, help me to live a life that makes a difference in the world around me. Show me how to bring glory to You in everything I do. Keep me “salty” as I serve You, and give me opportunities to share Your love with others. Amen.

DAY 4: READ HEBREWS 13:1-8

1. How could you, in our cultural context, show hospitality to strangers?
2. What is one way you currently serve others?
3. How could you serve those in God’s Kingdom more effectively?
4. Whose life are you imitating and why?

Pray: Father, teach me to show hospitality to others, regardless of the circumstances. Help me to follow You and become a servant of everyone, loving as You do. Direct me to people I should imitate in life those with incredible faith who seek You with their whole hearts. Amen.