

Small Group Discussion

Text: James 2:14-26

- 1) Read I Corinthians 15:1 – What did Paul preach to the church?
- 2) Read I Corinthians 15:3-11 –
 - a) Name one ingredient of the Gospel listed in vs 3.
 - b) Name two ingredients of the Gospel listed in vs 4.
 - c) What proof for the resurrection was given in vs 5-8?
 - d) Go around your Bible study group and have each person state the gospel.
 - e) What part did you have in performing the ingredients of the gospel found in vs. 3 & 4?
 - f) Read Ephesians 2:8-9 – According to these verses a person is saved by grace (God's favor freely given toward us) by what?
 - g) Do works prove that we are saved or ensure we stay saved?? Or are our works a display of saving faith?
- 3) Reread the sermon text: James 2:14-26
 - a) In James 1:2 2:1, and 2:14, what are the church members called?
 - b) Is this book written to Christians or non-Christians?
 - c) If the book was written to Christians is this section telling people how to get saved or how to stay saved, or is this section a discussion of how our salvation impacts our life?
 - d) According to this passage, is it possible to separate what we believe from how we live?
 - e) What two Old Testament stories are used to demonstrate that a person's faith will be on display in their actions?
 - f) Is James teaching that salvation is a combination of faith and works, or is James teaching that faith in Jesus will show up in our lifestyle?
- 4) Discuss how belief and behavior are inseparable.
- 5) Discuss how belief in the gospel will change your marriage.
Discuss how someone who doesn't believe in the Gospel might act at home.
- 6) Discuss how belief in the gospel will impact things like, gossip, bitterness, lust, anger.
- 7) Discuss whether your lifestyle is reflective of believing the Gospel.
- 8) Discuss whether you believe the Bible.