

NOTES & QUOTES



FAITH IN OUR WORKS
WEEK 4 - JULY 25, 2021

CONNECT (BUILD RELATIONSHIPS)

1. Think of a time when you saw a group of people rally around someone in need. What motivated the group to help that person?
2. Share about a time when you set out to do something and then realized it was, "easier said than done." Discuss why people's words and ideas are often inconsistent with their deeds and actions.
3. Have you ever struggled to find balance between faith and works? On which end of the spectrum do you tend to lean?

THRIVE (EXPLORE BIBLICAL TRUTH)

4. In your own words, tell the story found in James 2:15-17 and determine the point James is making.
5. What does Jesus say about faith and works in Matthew 7:26-27?
6. Why is mere intellectual agreement to truth not enough? (See James 2:19).

7. James refers to Abraham and Rahab as examples of people who merged their faith with their actions (James 2:21-25). Read the story of Abraham in Genesis 22. How was Abraham's faith made complete by what he did? Read the story of Rahab in Joshua 6:17-25. How was Rahab's faith seen in her actions?
8. How does James' closing analogy in verse 26 summarize his teaching on faith and actions?

COMMIT (BE ON MISSION)

9. What kinds of things might keep us from putting our faith into action in our workplaces, our neighbourhoods, and other parts of our lives outside of the church?
10. How do your actions demonstrate the reality of your faith, like Abraham or Rahab?
11. What are some ways you can obey God more specifically to show that you really do trust and believe him?

PAUSE, PONDER & PRAY

"With this in mind, we constantly pray for you, that our God may make you worthy of his calling, and that by his power he may bring to fruition your every desire for goodness and your every deed prompted by faith."

2 Thessalonians 1:11