

The Book

of James

LEADER CONVERSATION GUIDE—WEEK FOUR

MAIN IDEA

James 2:14-26 shows us that faith and actions work together. In a world where people are scattered and opinions so often cause division, we have the opportunity as believers to have a living faith that works for the good of all, right now. It's impossible to have solid faith without solid works. Let's be a church with a living faith, and say yes to both!

MAKE IT PRACTICAL

- We need to have a living faith with our words. Let's share what God has done in our lives. When we share our stories, our faith in God will give people hope for their situation.
- We need to have a living faith with our works. Let's do good to others through outreach, Acts of Kindness, and Serve projects. This is our response to what God has done in our lives: walking out our faith with our actions towards others.
- We need to have a living faith with our worship. Let's make ourselves available to be used by God and shine a light on His goodness. We glorify Him by living a generous life.

"YOU SEE THAT HIS FAITH AND HIS ACTIONS WERE WORKING TOGETHER, AND HIS FAITH WAS MADE COMPLETE BY WHAT HE DID."

JAMES 2:22

TALK ABOUT IT

1. How does separating faith from actions limit the way we live out our faith, both personally and with others?
2. In what ways has saying "yes" to both faith and actions made a difference in your life? How has it allowed you to make a difference in the lives of others?
3. What are some practical ways you can put your faith into action in your community this week, both individually and as a group.

"WE AREN'T SAVED BY WORKS. WE ARE SAVED FOR A WORK."

PRAYER

Jesus, thank You for saving us. We recognize that we didn't do anything to earn our salvation, and we are grateful for Your grace for us. We want to honor You by having a living faith. Help us take what You have done in our lives and put it into action to make a difference in the world around us.

LEADER TIPS

- Invite your group to attend First Wednesday this week, and plan to get dinner together before service or host a virtual watch party. This is a great way to foster community.
- Encourage your group members to attend church together and connect with one another outside of your Small Group. Help them develop great relationships that will last beyond the Small Groups semester.