

James 2:14-26

## Small Group Questions

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The following questions are intended to start conversations.  
Use only the ones your group finds helpful. Explore others as they come up.

Our preaching series this spring is **Fruitful: Studies in James**. Questions will be provided each week to help you think about these stories *BEFORE* you listen to the sermon. It is our hope that this will encourage your own study and prepare you for the upcoming sermon.

- Read **James 2:14-26**. What stands out for you?
- What is the main concern in this text? Is that still a concern in the church today?
- James argues that faith unexpressed is not faith at all. What do you think? What are the implications of this understanding?
- What is your reaction when you read about how even the demons “believe” in one God?
- How does Abraham illustrate the point that James is making?
- James has been accused of saying something completely different than Paul. Compare Romans 3:28 with James 2:24. Are these texts contradictory? What does each author mean by the term “justified”? Depending on translation, this might be rendered as “considered righteous.”
- Why does James use Rahab *the prostitute* as an example? (see Joshua 2:1-24). What does this tell us about God?
- How can you demonstrate your faith this week in the way you love the poor?
- This week, what does faith expressing itself in obedience look like in your life? Maybe it looks like taking bold, life-changing moves like Abraham and Rahab. Maybe it looks like one small, faithful step in the right direction. How can you put your faith into action this week?