

COMMUNITY GROUP GUIDE

FAITH WITHOUT DEEDS IS DEAD - 11/17/2024

COMMUNION

- At some point during your gathering, take communion together.
- Read a Scripture about God's faithfulness or use 1 Thessalonians 5:23-24
- spend a moment in silence to experience the presence of Christ

REVIEW

- Our actions always betray our words. Or as the modern proverb goes "actions speak louder than words."
- Faith starts with our beliefs and ends with our actions, behaviors and choices
- In the Parable of the Talents (Matthew 25), the actions of the first two servants revealed they loved their Master while the actions of the third revealed he despised His Master
- our good works do not earn us favor or special status with God; and our good deeds will not earn us salvation or entrance to heaven
- What we do matters because it flows from faith and reveals the true nature of our heart
- Faith —> Action —> Reality of the kingdom
- Genuine faith in Jesus always results in obedience to Jesus' teachings

DISCUSSION

1. How has your time been since our last gathering? How did you see God at work in you or around you?

Read: James 2:14–26

2. What stood out to you from this week's teaching? Was there anything challenging, encouraging, or confusing to you?
3. What do you think James meant by faith without works is useless?
4. Are there any areas in your life where you say you believe something, but maybe your actions and choices reveal something different?