

A Study Guide to James 2:14-26 (Session 5)

First Baptist Peddie Church

1. Pray for wisdom from the Holy Spirit for understanding God's Word.

2. Read James 2:14-26 aloud slowly several times.

3. Observe

1. Mark any words or phrases that stand out.
2. Write down any questions that arise from the text.
3. Note the two things being contrasted throughout this passage, and think about the relationship between the two.
4. What are some of the similarities and differences between Abraham and Rahab (Joshua 2:1-24)?

4. Watch the Video Lesson on YouTube

5. Interpret / Live out the Word

1. What are the gaps in your life between what you profess and what you actually do?
2. Why do you think we often live in contradiction or with a large gap between faith and deeds?
3. Why is caring for the needy, especially those outside our inner circles, an important sign of authentic faith (2:15-16)?
4. What are the consequences of separating faith and deeds (2:18)?
5. How does the 1st-century context shed light on the seeming contradiction between the Apostle Paul and James, Brother of the Lord?
6. Why do you think Rahab (2:25), of all the people in the Bible, is chosen as an example of faith?
7. What do the body and the spirit (2:26) say about the nature of the human being?
8. What would be the first steps toward closing the gap between your faith and your deeds?

6. Memorize (use your preferred translation)

(James 2:26 NIV)

As the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without deeds is dead.