



Life Group Questions - Part 7

- James' hope for the Christians to whom he is writing is that they become "mature and complete, not lacking anything" (James 1:4). Do you consider yourself to be a mature Christian? Why/why not?

Read together James 2:14-26

- (2:14) James is writing to his Christian brothers and sisters and he is calling them out, challenging them on the validity of their faith. Do you have people who are prepared to challenge you on the way you live your Christian life? Are we prepared to do this for others? Why is this so hard for us to do?
- Dan said "If you are a follower of Jesus then your life should look a certain way" do you agree?
- Read Matthew 7:15-16, 21. Do your words always match your actions when it comes to living out your faith?
- (2:15-17) What sorts of things get in the way of us helping others?
- Read 1 John 3:17-18. Dan said "Sometimes God puts people in our path not to pray for them but to be the answer to their prayers". Have you ever experienced this? (either had your prayers answered by others or been the answer to their prayers) .
- Read Galatians 6:10 practically speaking, how can you support the family of believers?
- Jesus said "...everyone will know you are my disciples, if you love one another" (John 13:35) The way that we behave towards one another should point people to Jesus, is this true in your life? Why/why not?
- (2:18) Why are faith and works inseparable?
- Read 2 Corinthians 5:17. Real faith produces a changed lifestyle; what things changed for you when you became a Christian? What things are still changing?
- (2:19) The demons knew Jesus but they did not love him (Mark 1:24) in what ways do we demonstrate our love for someone? What does the way you live reveal about who you love?
- (2:20-26) Some people argue that James 2:24 is a contradiction of Paul's words in Romans 3:28. How does Ephesians 2:8-10 help us understand these passages?
- Read 2 Corinthians 13:5. Thinking about James' words, how should we examine ourselves? (If you were arrested for being a Christian would there be enough evidence to convict you?)