James Lesson 4 (2022)

**FAITH AND DEED**

James 2:14-26

Key Verse: 2:17

**Open it:**

1. What is the difference between someone who talks about a problem and someone who does something about the situation?

**Explore it:**

1. Read verses 14-17. What is the relationship between faith and deeds? (14) What illustration did James use to explain how real faith affects a person’s deeds? (15-17) How did Jesus describe a faith that has no accompanying deeds? (17)
2. Read verses 18-19. What is wrong with having faith without deeds? What do the demons believe about God? How does it affect them? What is one way to tell if a person has a real, living faith? What is difficult about applying what we hear in the church to our everyday lives?
3. Read verses 20-25. What did Abraham do to show his faith? (21-23; Gen 12:1-4, 15:1-6, 22:15-18) How is a person justified before God? (24) How did Rahab show faith? (25; Josh 2:1-24)
4. Read verse 26. How are faith and deeds like the body and the spirit? Why is it essential to have an authentic faith accompanied by action?

**Apply it:**

1. In what areas of your life do you want to begin acting more like a Christian? In what home, work, or neighborhood situations might you be able to show faith in God? How?