



# Sermon Discussion Guide

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## **SUMMARY**

**Big Idea:** The Roots in Our Hearts Will Produce Fruits in Our Live

Our verses are one of the more familiar passages in James. Through the years, there has been some theological confusion over whether James is here, at odds with the apostle Paul as it relates to justification being by faith alone. However, seen in context, this passage does not contradict Paul, but sees works from a different vantage point. Our passage is convicting, but also inspiring. With the help of the Spirit, Christians can be properly motivated to live out their faith and take risks, just like Abraham and Rahab.

## **DISCUSSION QUESTIONS**

### **Intro**

1. What is a hypocrite?
  - a. How would you reply to someone who says, (as an attack or reason to not believe in Christ), "All Christians are hypocrites."?

### **READ James 2:14-17**

2. Dead Faith. What comes to your mind when you hear, "faith without works is dead"?
  - a. Have you seen or experienced this in your life? Share.
3. According to James, what is the difference between genuine faith and false/dead faith?
  - a. What makes faith "real"?

### **READ James 2:18-19**

4. Demonic Faith. What kind of faith do demons have? Does this startle you?
  - a. How is this contrasted with real, saving faith?

### **READ James 2:20-26**

5. Dynamic Faith. Why does James draw upon Abraham and Rahab for his argument? What do they teach us about faith and works?
6. Where in your life do you sense the Lord testing you, calling you to put your faith to work?
7. How do we guard against having a dead or demonic faith, that talks but doesn't walk?
8. What role should other believers play in #6 and #7 for you?