

Small Group Discussion

Sunday, November 1, 2009

James 2:14-26

Pastor Jonathan Speaking

Opener Question:

If people were arrested for being Christians, would there be enough evidence to convict you? Cite evidence. How does what I do reveal what I believe?

1. Why is James so worked up about faith being evidenced by works? What's at stake?
2. In 2:19 James describes "demon faith". What do they believe and how are they one-up on people? Why do demons shudder?
3. What's the difference between Abraham and Rahab and what is the one thing they have in common?
4. What if someone you know well often talks about their Christian faith, but increasingly you see troubling realities that don't jive with their claims? How would you respond to this scenario? What is the solution to "dead faith"? What if someone challenged you on your claims of faith?
5. What is the proper place of "feelings" in our faith? What if you don't feel like obeying something that might be distasteful or difficult or "uncool"? How do you get past those feelings so they don't rule you?