

# Sermon-Based Discussion Guide

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## BIBLE PASSAGES - James 2:14, 17, 21-24

14 What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if someone claims to have faith but has no deeds? Can such faith save them? ... 17 faith by itself if it is not accompanied by action, is dead"

"21 Was not our father Abraham considered righteous for what he did when he offered his son Isaac on the altar? 22 You see that his faith and his actions were working together, and his faith was made complete by what he did. 23 And the scripture was fulfilled that says, "Abraham believed God, and it was credited to him as righteousness," and he was called God's friend. 24 You see that a person is considered righteous by what they do and not by faith alone" (James 2:21-24).

**Other Passages:** Genesis 12:1-5, 10-13. 15:1-6, 16:1-6, Lam. 3:22-23

### Connect:

Get to know each other. Connect, warm up to each other, and take time to fellowship.

### Care:

Carry each other's burdens. Share life's challenges and practice Soul Care. Pray together.

**Challenge:**

- 1) When we're on that tightrope over the rushing waters, where do we put our faith?
- 2) Do I know God to be trustworthy, steady and true (*emet*)?
- 3) What actions in my life embody my trust in God right now?
- 4) Can you think of a time you doubted God's promise and goodness and made choices that led to more pain and harm?
- 5) Where am I tempted to doubt God's protection and provision in my life?
- 6) What can you do to foster greater trust on God and his faithfulness?
- 7) Consider ending with stories recounting God's past faithfulness to you letting it build confidence in the steady love of God.

**Clarify:**

Does anyone need clarity on something? Are there any big God questions you are wrestling with?

**Celebrate:**

Celebrate life's successes and God's provision. Worship God's presence. Time to brag about God.

**KEY TAKEAWAYS**