

Prove It

Dead Faith – 1/26 Talk

I'm so excited for this series, and I think it will be so impactful for your groups! Don't feel like you have to go through everything that is written! If your group needs to spend more time on one part, feel free to do that. Make sure you take time at the beginning to welcome any new people or guests and don't assume that everyone knows everyone. Give them a chance to introduce themselves and to share a little about what is happening in their lives.

- Did anything from the talk stand out to you this week?
- Read James 2:14-17
 - How would you define faith?
 - What about works?
 - How does James connect these two?
 - What happens when they are separated?
- Read James 2:18-19
 - What's the difference between belief and faith?
 - Can you have belief without faith?
 - Can you have faith without belief?
- Read James 2:20-26
 - Foolish Person: **κενός^b, ή, όν**: (a figurative extension of meaning of κενός^a 'empty,') pertaining to a complete lack of understanding and insight
 - Useless: **άργός^d, ή, όν**: pertaining to being useless, in the sense of accomplishing nothing
 - Could these verses be abused out of context?
 - How?
 - How should we understand these verses and justification in light of Ephesians 2:8-10?
 - What would Abraham's story have looked like if he had dead or useless faith?
 - What would Rahab's story have looked like if she had dead or useless faith?
- How should understanding this passage change you?
 - Does it change how you explain following Jesus to others?
 - Does it change how you respond to reading the Word?