

DISCUSSION GUIDE

FAITH THAT WORKS | JUSTICE AND MERCY!

MARCH 3/4 | JAMES 2

FOR STARTERS

1. Looking back at your notes from this week's teaching, was there anything that particularly caught your attention, challenged you or raised questions?
2. When you think about faith, your faith - what are the characteristics of "real" faith?

DIGGING IN

1. Read James 2:1-13 aloud.
 - a. Where specifically is James prohibiting prejudice (v 2:2)?
 - b. What was the reminder about rich and poor in 1:9-11?
 - c. What does James mean when he says, "mercy triumphs over judgment"? (Look up Matthew 5:7, 6:14-15.)
 - d. What instructions (motivation) does James give to help us do justice and love mercy?
2. Read James 2:14-26 aloud. Give a modern example of the situation described in James 2:15-16.
3. In your own words, explain the meaning of James 2:18. Which is harder - living a life of faith or living a life of works?

BRINGING IT HOME

1. How is James 2 pushing you to have a real faith that work?
2. Where do you see prejudice practiced today, including your own life?
3. What's wrong with having faith without deeds? What could it lead to?
4. How could you as a group apply this teaching?
5. Use Romans 12:9-21 as a guide to pray for each other and for Door Creek Church.

MESSAGE NOTES

Belonging to a small group is a great way to grow spiritually. If you would like to join a group or get more information, contact Deanna Wheeler at dwheeler@doorcreekchurch.org