

CAC LIFE GROUP QUESTIONS

James: Faith in Real Life – November 2, 2025

Big Idea: Faith without deeds is dead.

Ice Breaker: When was the last time you got really dressed up? Did you enjoy it?

Key Points

Take a few minutes to review the key points from this week's sermon:

- Faith without deeds is dead: Claiming faith is not enough; true faith shows itself in action (James 2:14–17).
- Right belief alone isn't sufficient: Even demons know the truth of God, but that knowledge doesn't save them (James 2:19).
- Faith produces works: Obedience and action naturally flow from genuine faith (James 2:21–25).
- Faith = Justification + Works: Salvation comes through faith, but true faith is alive and transforms behavior (AW Tozer quote).
- Not colossal, not miniscule—beneficial: God calls us to acts of faith that stretch us, but are doable, producing real change in our lives and in the lives of others.

Discussion Questions

Based on the sermon, discuss the questions below:

- What was your biggest takeaway from this message?
- Did anything in the message challenge you, convict you, or encourage you?

Making it Personal

Reflect on the message with your group:

- When has someone's actions made their faith clear to you?
- What difference has faith made in your life?
- Where in your own life might your faith be more "dress clothes" (tidy but inactive) than "work clothes"?
- When you feel unsure about how to live out your faith, how can you rely on the Holy Spirit instead of trying to "figure it out" on your own?
- Can you identify a moment when God's Spirit guided your actions or decisions in a way that you couldn't have planned or forced yourself to do? How did that feel?

Scripture Review

Revisit these passages and discuss:

- James 2:14–17 – What does James say about faith without deeds?
- What is the point of James 2:19 where James says that even the demons have faith?

Diving Deeper

Explore additional Scriptures that connect to this week's message:

- **Old Testament:** Psalm 14:2–3; Proverbs 10:4; Ecclesiastes 7:8, Micah 6:8. Isaiah 1:17
- **New Testament:** 2 Timothy 1:9; Philippians 3:9; Titus 3:5; Matthew 18:21–35, Matthew 7:21, John 13:35

Application & Action

James reminds us that faith is not just a belief we wear on Sundays — it is meant to show up in the real world through our actions. Our faith isn't measured by effort alone, but by how we allow the Holy Spirit to work through us to meet needs,

show love, and live out what we believe. This week, we're focusing on taking small, meaningful steps — the “beneficial weights” of faith. As you reflect, discuss, and practice, invite the Spirit to guide your actions so that your faith naturally flows into obedience, service, and Christlike character.

Revisit the Word

- Read James 2:14–26 aloud again. Before reading, pause and pray:
- “Lord, show me where my faith needs to come alive in action. Help me live a faith that makes a difference in the world around me.”

Personal Reflection

- Take 2–3 minutes in silence: “What’s one area where I need my faith to show up in real life, not just in appearance? How can I invite the Holy Spirit to guide me this week so that my actions naturally overflow from my trust in Him?” Write down your response.

Group Discussion: Faith in Action

- **Listening to Jesus:** What is one way Jesus is inviting you to act differently this week — in your words, actions, or attitude? How might following His lead demonstrate your faith in action?
- **Walking with Him:** When you face frustration, distraction, or a difficult choice, how can you rely on Jesus’ presence instead of your own effort? What’s one step you can take this week to let Him guide your response?
- **Anchoring in His Word:** Which verse reminds you that real change comes from God working in you — not your striving — and encourages faithful action in daily life (e.g., James 2:17; Philippians 2:13; Galatians 5:22–23)?
- **Leaning on His People:** Who can help you stay alert to the Spirit’s prompting and encourage faith that shows itself in love and good deeds? How can you support one another in living this out this week?
- **Growing in His Likeness:** When have you noticed the Spirit producing faith that naturally leads to works — patience, humility, or service — especially in moments you used to respond selfishly or defensively?
- **Action Step:** Finish this sentence: “This week, when I am tempted to act from my own strength, I will pause and ask the Holy Spirit to help me _____, showing my faith through my actions.”

Prayer

Close your group time with prayer, praying over each other’s action step.

Daily 2-Minute Practice: Faith in Action — Beneficial Weight Edition

- **Pause** (30 sec): Take a moment to notice one part of your day where your faith feels “dress clothes” — present but not really doing anything.
- **Invite** (1 min): Ask the Holy Spirit to show you a small, meaningful step you could take here — something challenging enough to matter, but not so big that it feels impossible. Think of it as lifting a weight that strengthens your faith.
- **Try** (30 sec): Pick one small, doable action today that reflects your faith — a kind word, a helping hand, a gentle correction — and trust God to work through it. This is your “beneficial weight” for the day.