

JAMES: LIVING FAITH

... faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead.
—James 2:17

Chapter 1	Chapter 2		Chapter 3		Chapter 4		Chapter 5	
	1-4	5-8	9-11	12-18	19-27	1-13	14-26	1-12
Trials	Ask	Wealth	Temptation	Doers	Favoritism	Works	Words	Wisdom
					Desires		Humility	Arrogance
							1-5	6-10
							11-15	1-6
							7-12	13-20
								Pray
								Church



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Sunday, April 24, 2016

"All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness . . ." So here are 4 ways the book of James teaches and trains us in righteousness . . .

1. James reminds us that true living _____ produces real life _____.
2. James contains loads of practical _____ for righteous _____.
3. James confronts the reality of deep, unfixable _____ in our lives.
4. James takes us to the _____ of the Gospel when we inevitably _____. (4:6-10)



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Connecting Together

In this 3rd week of Spring Growth Groups, take time to connect and share your lives with one another.

Studying God's Word Together

1. Take time to read the whole book of James together. There's a lot covered in this short book. What jumped out at you this time through or in the message?
2. Read 1:19-25. This text highlights a major concern for James, the author. What is this concern and what's the illustration he uses to make his point?
3. Read James 2:14-26 again and then Romans 3:28. This apparent contradiction is explained by the fact that James and Paul are combatting two separate doctrinal errors. What is Paul combatting? What is James combatting? Which error do you think is the biggest danger in your own life today? In the church today?

4. As you read the book of James, where did you notice James speaking of our deep, unfixable sin?

5. James calls us to living faith which produces good works. He also reminds us of the deep sin within. But does he point us to the Gospel? After all, there's hardly a mention of the name of Christ and no clear reference to the work of Christ. Where does the essence of the Gospel shine in the book of James?

Household/Family Focus: for discussion in your household

The world says exalt yourself. Where do you see that happening in popular culture? How do WE do that? The Bible says "God opposes the proud, but gives grace to the humble." Read James 4:6-10 and discuss what humility before God actually looks like.

Prayer Together

Share real life needs and pray for each other in light of James' call to a fruitful faith.