



# Discover

## God-talk. God-acts.

### **James 2:14-26 (NIV)**

<sup>14</sup> What good is it, my brothers, if a man claims to have faith but has no deeds? Can such faith save him? <sup>15</sup> Suppose a brother or sister is without clothes and daily food. <sup>16</sup> If one of you says to him, "Go, I wish you well; keep warm and well fed," but does nothing about his physical needs, what good is it? <sup>17</sup> In the same way, faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead. <sup>18</sup> But someone will say, "You have faith; I have deeds." Show me your faith without deeds, and I will show you my faith by what I do. <sup>19</sup> You believe that there is one God. Good! Even the demons believe that--and shudder. <sup>20</sup> You foolish man, do you want evidence that faith without deeds is useless? <sup>21</sup> Was not our ancestor Abraham considered righteous for what he did when he offered his son Isaac on the altar? <sup>22</sup> You see that his faith and his actions were working together, and his faith was made complete by what he did. <sup>23</sup> 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. <sup>24</sup> You see that a person is justified by what he does and not by faith alone. <sup>25</sup> In the same way, was not even Rahab the prostitute considered righteous for what she did when she gave lodging to the spies and sent them off in a different direction? <sup>26</sup> As the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without deeds is dead.

### **7 Questions to lead a DISCOVERY group**

1. What are you thankful for? (*Introduces people to true worship of God*)
2. How are you or people you know struggling and how can this group help? (*Introduces authentic community and ministry*)
3. Did you do what you committed to do last time? (*Introduces testimony and faith*)
4. What does the Scripture today say to you? (*Introduces the Holy Spirit as the teacher*)
5. What does this passage mean to you? (*Introduces hearing God through the Word*)
6. How will you obey? (*Introduces obedience-based faith – not head knowledge "If you love me, you will obey me"*)
7. Who will you tell? (*Introduces multiplication and movement so that urban area can be reached*)

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