

  
**CENTRAL**  
**Weekend Recap - Discussion Guide**  
*James: Living a Genuine Life - Week 7*  
*September 22-25*

**Title:** A Faith That Works (James 2:14-26)

**Big Idea:** Genuine faith always reveals itself through tangible action of blessing others.

**Optional Ice Breaker:** What is something that you've seen or used that was completely useless or worthless?

**Discuss:**

1. Who is someone that is known for putting their faith into action? What stands out to you about that person?
2. Discuss what you think are "vital" signs of a growing and healthy faith? What are the signs of a dead and decaying faith?
3. Name some of the well-known deeds from Jesus life. How can we emulate Him?
4. There are also times where Jesus didn't do a miracle, but simply was with people. What are some examples of Jesus simply being a friend to someone else? How did this interaction change the person that Jesus was interacting with?
5. How do you plan to put your faith into action this week?

**For Students:** Sometimes we may think that putting our faith into action is doing something extraordinary but most of the time it comes from small acts. What are some simple ways that you can put your faith into action immediately?

**Challenge:** Pastor Cal (and the Bible) challenged us to do two things as a result of our faith: 1) **IN THE CHURCH:** If you can give to support the care and ministry of Central visit [www.CentralAZ.com/give](http://www.CentralAZ.com/give). If you are struggling and in need visit [www.CentralAZ.com/help](http://www.CentralAZ.com/help) 2) **OUTSIDE THE CHURCH:** If you have not done so already, plan a time for you, your family or your group to volunteer somewhere. Focus on connecting with people like Jesus did!

**Scriptures**

- James 2:14-17 What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if someone claims to have faith but has no deeds? Can such faith save them?...faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead.
- 1 John 3:17-19 If anyone has material possessions and sees his brother in need but has no pity on him, how can the love of God be in him? Dear children, let us not love with words or tongue but with actions and in truth.
- James 2:18-19 But someone will say, "You have faith; I have deeds." Show me your faith without deeds, and I will show you my faith by my deeds. You believe that there is one God. Good! Even the demons believe that—and shudder.

**Prayer:** Talk to God this week about the "vitals" of your faith. What does God want you to know about this?

**Next Week-Sneak Peek:** Read James 3:1-12. What stands out to you? What do you think is the big idea of this passage?