

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS ON JAMES 2:14-17

OPEN IT

Feel free to choose just one of these questions.

- ✓ If you were hundreds of miles from home with no money, no cards, no phone, no friends, no transportation, and no place to stay, what would you do to survive and make it home?
- ✓ What would you say or do if a person from whom you asked help ... answered the way you usually do to others requesting your help?

EXPLORE IT

Feel free to choose just selected questions from this section.

- ✓ **2:14.** What clue does the expression “says (claims) to have faith” provide to help understand the kind of faith that James writes about? What is the value of faith that is only talked about? What kind of faith is a genuine, saving faith?
- ✓ **2:15-16.** James presents a hypothetical situation in which another Christian lacks food and clothing. What are two possible ways of responding to a Christian who is in need? What is the difference in attitude between these two actions? What is the result if the necessities are not provided?
- ✓ **2:17.** How is merely talking about providing help to the needy person similar to simply talking about faith? James does not say or imply that works generate faith. But, if there is genuine faith, there will be works that others can observe – faith generates works. What are some of your actions or behaviors that would demonstrate genuine faith to others?

GET IT

Feel free to invest time here by discussing selected questions.

- ✓ How is being a Christian supposed to change the way we live?
- ✓ What can a Christian do to help the people around him or her?
- ✓ Why is it important to help others?
- ✓ What is one way to tell if a person has a real, living, genuine faith?

APPLY IT

Take home these questions and meditate on them personally.

- ✓ What home, work, or neighborhood situations might you be able to show faith in God this week? How?
- ✓ What steps can you take this week to practice true Christianity?