



Guide

9/13 - James 2:14-26

LOVE

A new commandment I give to you, that you love *one another*... (John 13:34)

- *Internal*: How was your week? Any new life updates? How was your walk with the Lord this week?
- *External*: Practically, is there any individual or family that needs encouragement from us as a group?

TRUTH

Let the word of God dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing *one another*... (Col. 3:16)

1. When you reflect on the message from Sunday, what most resonated with you?
2. Let's read our primary text. What is James' basic argument here?
3. What point does the illustration in verses 15-16 make?
4. What does the example of the demons in verse 19 show about mere intellectual belief?
5. Verse 24 says a person is "justified by works and not by faith alone." How does this fit with Paul's teaching that we are justified by faith apart from works of the law (e.g., Rom. 3:28; Gal. 2:16)?
6. Why does James also cite Rahab (v. 25), and what does pairing her with Abraham add?
7. What is the concluding analogy in verse 26, and what final point does it drive home?
8. Where in your own life is there a gap between what you say you believe and your actions show? How does this text direct you moving forward?
9. Any other thoughts you would like to share before we wrap up this text?

GREAT COMMISSION

Go therefore and make disciples of all nations... (Matt. 28:19-20)

- *Internal*: Did you make time to disciple your family this week? Pray with them?
- *External*: Is your life marked by joy/contentment? Are you prepared to share the gospel if the Holy Spirit prompted? Is the name of Jesus on your lips in your day-to-day activity?

CONFESSION/PRAYER/REPENTANCE

But exhort *one another* every day, as long as it is called "today,"... (Heb. 3:12-14)

- Confession is agreeing with God about our sin according to the Scriptures. Is there anything you want to confess before the group, generally? [*apathy, idolatry, selfishness, jealousy, anger, envy*]
- Let's pray, asking God to help us apply His word to our lives, putting to death sinful desires.