

Faith Workout

Deep End Faith | May 22, 2022 | James 2:14-26 Mike Foster

Some key principles for interpreting Scripture:

1. The unity of Scripture – Scripture must agree with other Scripture
2. The context – meaning is determined by context
3. The meaning of words – be sure you know what words mean

Four good reasons for good works in James 2:14-16:

1. You will receive good reward when you stand before Christ

2. You will make a difference in the lives of others

3. You will help others to see and find Jesus

4. You will enjoy deeper intimacy with God

GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What stood out to you most from the message?
2. Of the four motivations for good works that Pastor James shared with us, which one is most interesting or convicting to you today?
3. Who is someone you know whose good works have helped to point you to Jesus? How?
4. In your own words, explain what it means that “faith without works is dead.”
5. Read Ephesians 2:8-10 and Titus 2:11-3:8. What do we learn about good works in these passages?
6. Read John 15:12-14. According to Jesus in this passage, what is a key to experiencing intimacy with him?
7. On a scale of 1-10, how active would you say your faith has been in the past year? Why?
8. Even though it may require time and energy, what good might come for you, others, and the Lord as you more fully exercise your faith?
9. What good might the Lord be asking you to do today? This week? This summer? This year?
10. Spend some time praying for the Lord to shine His light through one another’s good works.

FOR FURTHER REFLECTION

Read all of James 1-2 and appreciate what we have learned so far in James.

Meditate on Ephesians 2:8-10 and Titus 2:11-14

Read the book of Titus and pay attention to God’s calling for His people to do good. Reflect on what good works will and will not do – www.returntotheword.com/The-Purpose-Of-Good-Works-For-Christians

Read “What are the good works God has prepared for us” - www.theologyofwork.org/the-high-calling/daily-reflection/what-are-good-works-god-has-prepared-us

Listen to “Make me a Servant” - www.youtube.com/watch?v=0Y7XDF-916Y

Read Every Good Endeavor by Tim Keller

How to Connect with James deeper:

- **Study -**

Read James once a week until Easter – pick up one of our Scripture Journals to help you.



- **Memorize -**

Memorize James using the Scripture Memory Fellowship App.

Aim for one verse – James 1:2 or 1:25

Aim for one passage – James 1:2-4

Aim for 10 key passages – James 1:2-4, 1:13-15, 1:19-20, 1:22-25, 2:1, 2:26, 3:9-10, 3:17-18, 4:7-8, 5:16

Aim for one chapter – James 1

Aim for the whole book?!



- **Join -**

Join or start a small group to discuss James: If you'd like to start one, please send an email to forcey-office@forcey.org



- **Invite -**

Prayerfully invite someone else to join us in our study of James – use our invite cards

- **Pray -**

Make a habit of kneeling in prayer, like James.

Pray for wisdom from God.

Pray for God to reveal ways you can be seeing and serving people in the margins! (Pray for our divorce care and widows together ministries)

Pick up a wristband to remind you that your faith was made for the deep end