

Weekend at Bernie's

Small Group Discussion Questions

James 2:20-26

1. Faith that never changes how we live is empty, no matter how genuine it may look from the outside. What are some ways a person can appear spiritually alive while their faith is hollow? Why do you think that kind of self-deception is so easy to fall into?

2. Being made right with God is never something we earn; it is a gift we receive through Jesus. Why is it so tempting to try to qualify for God's approval through our own effort? Where do you notice that tendency showing up in your own life?

3. Abraham believed God's promise even when it seemed impossible, and that trust was counted to him as righteousness. What promise of God do you find hardest to believe in this season? What would it look like to take Him at His word there?

4. Rahab recognized who God truly was, and that recognition softened her heart and turned her toward Him. What did it look like when your heart first turned toward God? How does continuing to turn toward Him shape the way you live today?

5. Real faith is willing to place even what we love most into God's hands. What is something you are holding tightly that God may be asking you to surrender? What makes letting go of it so difficult?

6. When we step out in faith, God can take a story that seemed defined by the past and rewrite it for His glory. Where have you seen God redeem part of your story? What step of faith might He be inviting you to take this week, even if it feels risky?

Takeaway: "Faith alone justifies; but the faith that justifies is never alone." John Calvin