

"Do the Word"

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James 1:22 "Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says."

"Good works don't create faith; good works reveal faith."

Three types of faith revealed by our ACTIONS

- 1. D_____ Faith
- 2. D_____ Faith
- 3. D_____ Faith

What is the evidence for your faith?

Celebrate	1	2	3	4	5	
Connect	1	2	3	4	5	
Contribute	1	2	3	4	5	
Character	1	2	3	4	5	

Ice Breaker

Are you more likely to act without thinking or think without acting?

Discussion

What insight, principle or observation from the weekend's message did you find to be most helpful, eye opening, or troubling? What stood out and was meaningful to you and why?

Read James 1:22-25

- How does the term "Sunday Christian" illustrate James' point in verses 22-24? Conversely, what does the life of someone described in verse 25 look like?
- What might cause a person to forget to do what the word says?
- Why is it easy to listen to God's word without doing what it says?

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Read James 2:14-17

- What kind of faith is being condemned in verse 14? In what ways does this still happen today?
- What is the relationship between faith and deeds according to James?
- Ben talked about three types of faith:
 - o Dead Faith
 - o Demonic Faith
 - o Dynamic Faith
- What are the differences between the three and how can we move towards a faith that is dynamic?

Further Discussion

- In the message Ben challenged us to rate ourselves on a scale of 0-5 in the following areas
 - Celebrate
 - Connect
 - Contribute
 - $\circ~$ Character (combining all three and seeing change in your life

Application What steps or actions can you take this week to move forward and grow in these areas in the coming week? Is there anything holding you back from taking that step?

Pray