

Go Deep

James 2:14-19

1. How would you define faith? Skim the different people mentioned in Hebrews 11. What is it that made these people examples of strong faith?
2. What is the source of faith? How do you get faith? How can a person grow in their faith?
3. *Read James 2:14.* Why would someone “claim” to have faith who does not really have it? Why is “faith without deeds” unable to save?
4. *Read 2:15-16.* Why does James give this illustration to describe someone with dead faith? What is the connection between helping the poor and genuine faith?
5. *Read 2:19.* What is the difference between saving faith and “demonic” faith?
6. *Read Mark 2:1-5.* Why was the man healed because of his friend’s faith? How does the faith (or lack of faith) of a community or group affect the individuals in the community?

Application Questions:

1. What is the worst danger of dead faith?
2. Was there ever a time in your life where you would have described your faith as “dead”? What changed?
3. What are some signs that a person has a living, growing faith?
4. What is the difference between strong faith, weak faith, and dead faith?
5. What are some practical ways that we can care for the physical needs of other believers?