

James - Living whole in a fractured world

Whole people express faith through works

James 1:22-25, 2:14-26

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

The following questions are intended to use in discussion and application of the past week's sermon.

Listening

What part of the sermon was most helpful to you or challenged you to think and/or live differently? How will you apply this message to your life?

Engaging

“The one who looks into the perfect law... being no hearer who forgets but a doer who acts, he will be blessed in his doing” (James 1:25). How can this passage remind us that the Law of the Lord is not irrelevant for the follower of Jesus?

Discuss the reasons our works become separated from our claims of faith (cares of the world, spiritual apathy, hypocrisy, ignorance, etc.). This may seem blunt, but Pastor James bluntly addresses such things, and - with authenticity and grace - so should we.

Applying

Can you recall times that you acted out of obligation or even legalism? How do these efforts compare to the times you have acted out of obedience and devotion?

Pastor Dary said, “We can often default to what is easiest, not necessarily what is best.” How can we recognize the characteristics of works that are worthy and best in lives of worship?

Praying

In light of this message and discussion:

How can we pray for each other? Where do you feel challenged or convicted?

What can we praise God for? How can we pray for our church?