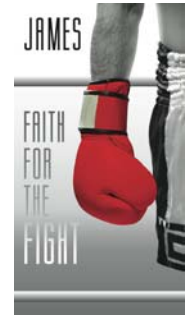


Faith For the Fight – Round 8

Life Group Questions – March 20, 2011

Pastor Steve – Actions 2 (James 2:20-26)



Connect

1. When in your life have you taken a great risk and followed what you believed to be God's will? How did you feel in the midst of that decision? What finally happened?

Study

1. Read James 2:20. Since 1:22, what has been James' main concern in this section of Scripture? How does it tie into our desire as a church to "declare war on shallow Christianity"?

2. Read Genesis 15:1-6 and 22:1-19. What strikes you about Abraham's faith?

3. How would you answer a person who pointed to the life of Abraham as proof that we are saved by what we do?

4. Read Joshua 2. What strikes you about Rahab's faith?

4. In what ways Abraham and Rahab different? In what ways are they similar?

5. Read James 2:21-26. If someone were to ask you to explain why Paul and James don't contradict each other here, how would you answer?

6. Why are faith and works inseparable according to James?

7. Hebrews 11 is often called the "Hall of Faith" chapter in the Bible, but as you read it, it is also a "Hall of Works" because each decision of faith is followed up by action (including Abraham and Rahab). What area of your life is God asking you to step out in faith in and act? What is keeping you from doing it?

8. Steve asked these two questions at the close of the message: (1) who am I trusting? (2) why am I working? How would you answer those today?

Pray

How can you pray for each other this week?