

## **SERIES TITLE**

Authentic Faith

## **SERIES SUMMARY**

No other New Testament book is quite like James. Real, raw, sometimes radical and always practical; James offers up some of the most unfiltered, straightforward and memorable sound bites ever recorded in human history. More than anything, James helps us see what our faith looks like when it's lived out authentically with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength. Join us this weekend as we begin our journey through these life-shaping truths.

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Faith That Works

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"Faith That Works," is based on the book of James, stresses the importance of putting faith into action through works. Mike emphasizes that genuine faith is not just belief but results in a life of transformation and love for others. Real-life examples underscore how faith and love in action can bring about positive change and reflect God's goodness in the world.

## **ICE BREAKER**

What is the most valuable piece of advice you've heard or shared recently?

## **DISCUSSION QUESTIONS**

1. Read [James 2:14-17](#). What does it mean to have faith without works, and why is it considered dead?

Can you think of a time when you had faith but didn't put it into action? How can you improve this in the future?

2. How does the concept of faith and works apply to our everyday lives?

What are some ways you can intentionally put your faith into action in your daily life?

3. Read [James 2:1-4](#). Why do you think James chose to address the issue of favoritism, and how does it relate to faith and works?

Have you experienced or witnessed favoritism in your life? How can we combat this with our faith and actions?

4. Read [Mark 10:43-44](#). How do Jesus' teachings on serving others relate to the concept of authentic faith?

Who are some people in your life that you can serve as an expression of your faith? How can you make this a regular practice?

5. What practical ways can we align our faith with our love for others?

What are some specific needs in your community that you and your small group could address as a display of your faith and love?

### **PRAYER + WRAP UP**

- Ask God to help us apply the sermon to our lives throughout the coming week.
- Pray for a genuine faith that is active and vibrant, resulting in a life of transformation.
- Ask God to reveal any areas of favoritism or discrimination in our hearts and help us align our faith with our love for others.
- Pray for opportunities to put our faith into action, show love and make a difference in the world.