



Sermon Discussion Questions

Read and Summarize

- James 2:14-26
 - Genesis 22
 - Galatians 2:16-17
 - Philippians 2:12-13
 - Ephesians 6:10-20
 - 1 John 3:17-18

Sermon in a sentence summary

The test for true faith is how we treat people in need.

How else might you summarize the sermon?

Reflect and Discuss

1. Ryan discussed two kinds of justification (1. Being made right with God; 2. Supportive evidence of a claim). Why are each of these uses of justification crucial to the Christian life?
2. Why is James placing such a strong emphasis on our treatment of the poor as professing Christians? Does this mean that James thinks that how we treat people is more important than what we believe?
3. What makes Abraham a great reference for both James and Paul as they discuss justification?
 - a. Look at where Paul points to in Abraham's life and where James points.
4. Does this passage feel controversial to you? How can focusing on the controversy subvert James' intention for writing this to the church?

Respond

1. Should we call our faith into question? Discuss fruitful and unfruitful ways that you we can use this passage to take stock of our faith.
2. What might you say to someone who was doubting their faith because of a "lack" of works?