

Journey Group Discussion Questions

(For the Week of September 23rd)

Opening Ice Breaker: Our church family is currently in a message series entitled *Playmaker* where we are highlighting spiritual playmakers in our church. These are people that have truly been transformed by the power of God through Jesus Christ, and their stories of change are being used by Him to show us all just how powerful our God is. Please share with our group a person in your life, past or present, that truly is a “playmaker” for Jesus Christ and has influenced your life.

Leader Tip: Below you will find two sets of questions. One will take you through reading and discussing a chapter in James and the other will take you through life application questions from this past Sunday’s message. Please use these questions as a tool to lead discussion in your group. Understand you, as the Journey Group leader, have total freedom to adjust these questions in any way to help facilitate discussion and understanding within your group.

James Chapter 2 - Discussion Questions

Read aloud 2:1-9 – What is God saying about “playing favorites” in this passage of Scripture? What are some ways that Christ followers show favoritism or partiality towards people in their life?

Read aloud 2:10-13 – What does this passage of Scripture reveal about our guilt in breaking the law of God? In your own words, what is verse 13 saying?

Read aloud 2:14-17 – As far as you understand it, what is James trying to teach us in this passage?

Read aloud 2:18-26 – What does this passage of Scripture reveal about the connection between our faith and our actions? In your opinion, why does James make such a strong connection between faith and works? What is the truth revealed in verse 26?

Sunday Morning Message - Discussion Questions

1. **Read aloud James 1:22.** Restate this verse in your own words. Why do you think James indicates that people who do not “do” what the Bible says are “deceiving themselves”? What are some practical ways that we “hear” God’s word? In your opinion, why is it so challenging to move from being a “learner/hearer” of God’s word to being a “doer” of God’s word?

2. **Read aloud James 2:14-17.** What is James saying in this passage about faith and obedience? What does true faith look like?

3. **Read aloud James 2:21-24.** Can someone in our group tell us the story (or read it) of Abraham that James is referring to in verse 21 from Genesis 22. According to verse 22, what is the lesson we learn from Abraham’s faithful obedience? As you re-read verse 23, what is it that made Abraham “right” before God? In light of the example James gives us about Abraham, what does verse 24 reveal about true faith?

4. Pastor Joey shared with us that there are “4 Steps of Obedience” that we must all take if we want to experience the healing God wants to bring in our lives.

a. Read God’s Word

b. Underline the specific commands you find

c. Practice (or do) what God’s Word commands us to do

d. Concur the sin of disobedience in your life or Confess the sin of disobedience when we fail

As a group, let’s practice this together using James 1:19-21. What is the first command we have in this passage? Now, let’s underline this command. What would does it look like to “be quick to listen”? **Leader Tip:** *Read through each of these verses underlining and discussing how to “do” each command we find God giving us. [Quick to hear, Slow to speak, Slow to get angry, Put away filthiness and wickedness, Receive God’s word].*

5. Pastor Joey wrapped up his message by sharing that God fixes us in two different ways.

a. He fixes us when we put our Faith in Jesus Christ (Romans 10:9)

b. He fixes us when we are Obedient to His Word (James 1:22)

Would someone in our group please share with us about how God “fixed” you when you put your faith in Him or maybe how He brought healing in your life when you became obedient to His word.