

Series: FaithWorks  
Sermon: Faith and Works  
June 26, 2016

1. There are two kinds of people in the world. Which one are you?
  - A. Pizza: do you eat all of it, or do you leave the crust?
  - B. Time: do you look at your watch, or do you look at your phone?
  - C. Ketchup: do you squirt your ketchup all over your fries, or in a nice, neat pile?
  - D. Reading: do you fold the page down or use a bookmark?
  - E. Apps: do you put all your apps neatly in folders, or do you have page after page of single apps?
2. If you were brought up on charges for being a Christian, would there be enough evidence to convict you? What would be 3 items of evidence you would give?
3. If God knew we would sin, why do you think he gave us the free will to do so?
4. Read James 2:14–20. What stands out to you about these verses?
5. "You can grow up in church, be baptized in church, get married in church, sit in church week after week, have your funeral in church, and wake up in... Hell." How could this scenario happen to someone?
6. Read Luke 9:57-62. How does this statement from Jesus reflect on faith and works?
7. At funerals, have you ever heard talk of people going to heaven, who do not have a commitment to Jesus as their Lord and Savior? Why do you think this happens?
8. Why does Grace cause Christianity to be different from every other religion in the world?
9. Read James 2:21-26.
  - A. Of all the people in the Bible, why do you think Abraham and Rahab are mentioned?
  - B. Have each member of the group share a specific fact that they know about Abraham's and Rahab's story.
  - C. What did Abraham and Rahab "do" to show their faith?

10. A story was read from Peter Rollins about a Christian on trial for being a follower of Christ. The verdict was as follows: "The court is indifferent toward your Bible reading and church attendance; it has no concern for we have no interest in armchair artists who spend their time creating images of a better world after this one. We exist only for those who would lay down that brush, and lay down their life, in a Christ-like endeavor to change this world. So, until you live as Christ and his followers did, until you challenge our beliefs and become a thorn in our side, until you die to yourself and offer your body to the flames, until then, my friend, you are no enemy of ours."