



# A Study of James

**Week Six ⑥ 10/12 – 10/18: James 2:14-26**

**Faith Test: Doing Good Works (Faith vs. Works)**



**ENGAGE:** Meet, Greet, Eat and Relax



**EMBRACE:**

- **⑥ Video** –
- **Questions:**
  1. Ask a question from ice breakers level III and give everyone in the group a chance to share their answer.
  2. Share and discuss homework from Week 5.



## EQUIP:

- Sing Together:

- [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dy9nwe9\\_xzw](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dy9nwe9_xzw)  
("Oceans" Hillsong UNITED)
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8plqE-Mxx1g>  
("Proof of Your Love" King and Country)

- Read Together:

- Read James 2:14-26

- Reading Questions:

1. Do James & Paul contradict each other?
  - a. Romans 3:28
  - b. Romans 4:2
  - c. James 2:23-24
2. Read Ephesians 2:8-10 to compare and contrast James and Paul in Romans.

- Scripture Connections:

1. What can you do to prove your faith with good works?
2. What can your growth group do to prove your faith with good works?

- Pray Together:

Close your prayer time praying these verses together:

**Psalms 118:24** – This is the day the Lord has made; we will rejoice and be glad in it.

**Matthew 5:16** – We will let our light shine before men, that they may see our good works, and glorify our Father which is in heaven.

**Colossians 3:17**- And whatever we do in word or deed, we will do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by him.

- **Homework:**

1. The Pharisees, who were arguably the most religious people of their time, are an example of having faith but not necessarily a “saving faith.” How does Jesus’ response to the Pharisees in **Matthew 23** (the seven woes) further illustrate how we can have faith but miss the mark on having a saving faith?
  
2. In contrast to the seven woes we read in **Matthew 23**, Jesus gave us eight Beatitudes to show how we can live a life that demonstrates authentic faith. As you read through **Matthew 5:1-11**, jot down how the eight Beatitudes differ from the seven woes and then answer the following questions.
  - a. How would you explain each beatitude to someone who was brand new to Christianity?
  - b. Which beatitude is most challenging for you to live out in your own life?
  - c. How do the Beatitudes relate to being “salt and light” in **Matthew 5:13-16**?
  
3. What do the following verses teach us about the difference between knowledge and obedience according to God?  
**Luke 6:46-49, 1 John 2:3-5, James 2:14-26,**