

1) How can you tell if someone is a Christian?

Read James 2:14-17

2) How does James' example answer his question in verse 14?

3) James gives a good example of how genuine faith shows love. In what way might we sometimes fail to act out our faith similar to James example?

Read James 2:18-19

4) In verse 18 someone objects – "you have faith, I have deeds." Do you think that's a reasonable objection? Why or why not?

5) Verse 19 says even the demons believe in God and shudder. What does that tell us about what genuine faith must involve beyond intellectual agreement?

6) What kinds of counterfeit Christianity is James warning us about in these verses?

Read James 2:20-26

James shows us two real life examples of genuine faith.

Read Genesis 15:1-16 and 22:1-19 to read about Abraham.

Read Joshua 2:1-24 to read about Rahab.

7) How do both of these examples show the nature of genuine faith?

8) How do these examples show the relationship between faith and works? How do they help show faith as the root and works as the fruit?



NEXT WEEK - JAMES 3:1-12