

Sermon for February 3/4, 2024



SMALL GROUPS

Share Life | Pursue God | Invest In Others

THREE THINGS TO KNOW

DON'T MISS THIS. GIVING TABLES are happening through February 18. Each campus is supporting a local non-profit. It's easy for you or your group to serve others in our community. For a list of items at each campus, check out the Giving Tables by campus at adabible.org/givingtables.

GROUP VALUES. This January, we are focusing on **RELATIONAL INVESTMENTS**. Talk about how God is moving your heart as you pray for the people in your life you want to see come to know him. Share any opportunities you've had to talk about God with those people.

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SERMON DISCUSSION GUIDE

Welcome to the fourth week of our series, **MAKE IT REAL**. This week, we look at James's teaching about how real faith moves us to act.

ICEBREAKER

What was your favorite childhood movie and why?

THIS WEEK'S TEXT

Have someone read James 2:14-26 aloud.

James describes two types of faith in this passage. What descriptions does he use for each type of faith?

How do you think the original readers might have felt hearing these bold declarations?

Based on this passage, how would you describe what genuine faith looks like in action?

THIS WEEK'S SERMON

Pastor Brad Holmes taught that real faith moves us to act and changes us. As a group, recall some of the sermon's big ideas or main points.

In our culture, how do people typically determine if someone's faith is real?

James says real faith moves us to act when we see needs around us. What makes it difficult for us to respond at times?

Why do you think it's so tempting for us to separate our beliefs and actions?

What would it look like, in practical terms, if our community grew in having real and active faith according to James' description?

When have you experienced someone whose faith resulted in good works? What inspired you about their faith?

When have you realized some aspect of the truth but struggled to allow it to change you?

Is there anything in your life Jesus might be asking you to drop or change so your life matches your beliefs? Share with your group if you are comfortable, and commit to praying for each other.

James points to how Abraham's faith led him to trust God even when it was incredibly challenging. Have you learned to trust God during a challenge? What happened?

As you reflect on your spiritual journey, how has trusting Jesus challenged, changed, and moved you over time?

Which part of the sermon encouraged or challenged you the most, and why?

WRAP UP

Today, we discussed how real faith moves, challenges and changes us. Which area that we discussed today do you most want to grow in making your faith real?