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Developing a Faith that Works Viewer Guide Session 6: How to Have Real Faith

Discussion Questions

*For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—not by works, so that no one can boast. For we are God’s handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do. **Ephesians 2:9-10 NIV***

*Know that a person is not justified by the works of the law, but by faith in Jesus Christ. So we, too, have put our faith in Christ Jesus that we may be justified by faith in Christ and not by the works of the law, because by the works of the law no one will be justified. **Galatians 2:16 NIV***

1. Compare James’ teaching in James 2:14-26 with what Paul says in Ephesians 2:8-10 and Galatians 2:16. Identify the key points and explain how their views about works fit together.
2. According to Paul and James, what is the evidence that you are truly a believer?
3. As you think about James’ exhortation to do what the Word teaches, what proof do you see in your life that your confession of faith in Christ is real? If you asked the people closest to you, what evidence of a genuine faith in Christ would they point to in your life?
4. Why is obedience to the command “Love your neighbor as yourself” important to helping others come to know Christ? Tell of a time when someone came to Christ because Christ’s love was demonstrated in a very practical way.
5. If you personally haven’t accepted Christ as your Savior and Lord, be sure to talk to someone about what is holding you back. If you have recently accepted Christ, what is your next step in your Christian life (e.g., being baptized, joining the church, ect.)?