

Romans 4:1-12 & James 2:14-26

Reflection & Group Questions

Personal Reflection and Application*:

Reread the passage above and answer the following questions:

1. Theologians have said, “that faith that alone saves, is never alone.” How you have seen this borne out in your life?
 2. A pastor commented that as he gets older and closer to giving an account of his life to Christ, the desire to simply give his money freely to those who ask, as the Lord commanded, grows more important than the desire to avoid being taken advantage of financially. **Respond.** Then taking into account Jesus’ parable of the Good Samaritan (Luke 10:25-37), explain your view on how you will explain your giving habits to Christ when you see him.
 3. What specific, practical ways should some of your thinking, habits, attitudes, and action change in light of James 2:14-26.
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Group Discussion Guide:

Reread the passage above and select which items below to discuss. All of them are *optional*. Group Leaders please consult your leaders guide in the weekly email.

1. Reread Romans 4:1-12. As a group come up with a **one-sentence summary** for this passage.
2. Reread James 2:14-26. As a group come up with a **one-sentence summary** for this passage.
3. What insights resonated for you this week from Romans 4 and James 2? What questions do you have about these passages?
4. Is there anything from these studies that the Holy Spirit seems to be urging you to change about yourself? (see question 3 in the Personal Reflection section about)
5. Let us ask the Lord to use us as a group. Ask the Lord to direct the steps of this community group that we might be used to practically help those in need this holiday season. Pray that the love of Christ would be both seen in and clearly heard from us.
6. Close in prayer and planning.