

## For Further Discussion of James 2:14-26

*These questions are designed to help you further understand and apply the teaching from this passage.*

### Observation/Interpretation Questions:

1. James 2:14-26 help us discern effective (saving) from defective (non-saving) faith. This was something Jesus was very concerned with throughout His ministry. Read each of the passages below and (1) determine if it reveals effective or defective faith, and (2) what is the characteristic being presented of that kind of faith the people exhibit?
  - a. Luke 14:25-33
  - b. John 2:23-24
  - c. John 6:53-66 and 6:67-68
  - d. John 8:31-32
  - e. John 13:34-35
  - f. John 15:7-8
  
2. Hebrews 11 is often called the "Hall of Faith." It is a general summary of effective faith. Go through this chapter and explore what it was about each of the people that exemplified.

As a group, come to some clear markers for discerning saving faith.

### Application Question:

3. What do the following passages say regarding the purpose of discerning effective from defective faith?
  - a. 2 Corinthians 13:5
  - b. 1 Peter 1:10
  - c. Matthew 5:16
  - d. John 13:35
  - e. John 15:8

What is not the goal of discerning these? Consider what you know about Jesus? How has this call for us to distinguish between the two been abused? How can we keep ourselves from abusing it?