



Leader Conversation Guide – XXVII - James

Main Idea

This week, Joshua Enck continued our XXVII series with a message from the book of James. James provides practical and profound guidance on living a life that reflects our faith in Christ. Through his letter, James emphasizes the importance of not just hearing God's word but actively living it out. He addresses the power of our words, the necessity of good deeds, and the integrity required to navigate life's challenges as faithful followers of Christ. Let's explore these themes and discuss how we can apply James' teachings to our daily lives, strengthening our walk with God and our witness to others.

**“Just as the body is dead without a spirit,
so also faith is dead without good deeds.”**

JAMES 2:26

Make It Practical:

The Power of the Tongue:

- James 3:4 likens the tongue to a small rudder that can steer a large ship.
- The controlling our speech is a reflection of our faith.

Practical Christian Living:

- James provides practical instructions on living a Christ-like life in a non-Christian society.
- Themes include: persevering through trials, controlling anger, showing no favoritism, and seeking God's wisdom.

Living with Integrity:

- Reflecting Jesus' teachings and character in daily life.
- We are called to be consistent in words and actions as followers of Christ.

Spiritual Obesity:

- The danger of being hearers of the word only and not doers.
- The importance of exercising our faith through good deeds to avoid "spiritual obesity."

Talk About It

Practicing What We Preach:

- James emphasizes the importance of being “doers of the word” and not merely “hearers.” Reflect on James 2:26, “Faith without works is dead.” What are some practical ways you can demonstrate your faith in your daily life? Share examples of how you have seen faith in action either in your own life or in others.

Handling Trials and Perseverance:

- James 1:2-3 encourages believers to “consider it pure joy... whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance.” How do you typically respond to trials and challenges in your life? How can we develop a mindset that finds joy and growth through these difficult times?

Controlling the Tongue:

- The sermon highlighted James 3:4, which likens the tongue to the rudder of a ship, steering our lives in significant ways. Why is controlling our speech so crucial in living out our faith? Discuss instances where words have had a profound impact on your life or the lives of others, either positively or negatively. How can we be more mindful of our words and their effects?

Practice what you preach!

Prayer

Heavenly Father, thank You for our time together and the wisdom we’ve gained. Help us to live out our faith with integrity, face trials with joy, and speak words of encouragement. Guide us as we leave this place, and let Your Spirit continue to lead us. In Jesus’ Name. Amen.

Leader Tip

Fall Groups will launch at the end of August! Now is the time to submit the [Creating Your Group Form!](#)