

THIS IS HOW WE CHANGE THE WORLD

Cornerstone Church Talking Points Guide

"Workers, Not Watchers" This is How We Change the World, Pt. 4

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SUNDAY SERVICE REFLECTION

Talk about your favorite moment from this week's worship service. What scripture passage, worship song, or sermon quote did you relate to the most? Why?

SCRIPTURE READING

Pray and ask God to illuminate his Word. Then, read the below passage(s) of scripture aloud.

What good is it if someone claims to have faith but has no deeds? Can such faith save them? Suppose a brother or a sister is without clothes and daily food. If one of you says to them, "Go in peace; keep warm and well fed," but does nothing about their physical needs, what good is it? In the same way, faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead... You foolish person, do you want evidence that faith without deeds is useless? Was not our father Abraham considered righteous for what he did when he offered his son Isaac on the altar? You see that his faith and his actions were working together, and his faith was made complete by what he did. And the scripture was fulfilled that says, "Abraham believed God, and it was credited to him as righteousness," and he was called God's friend. You see that a person is considered righteous by what they do and not by faith alone. James 2:14-17, 20-24 NIV

SCRIPTURE REFLECTION

Choose one of the questions below to answer in relation to the above scripture passage(s).

- What did you notice about this passage(s)?
- What did this passage(s) teach you?
- How are you challenged to live differently?
- How can you apply this passage(s) to your day-to-day life?

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- We often say things like, “I’m a person of faith” or “I have faith in Jesus.” Think on that word: Faith. What do you think it means? Define “faith” in terms of your relationship with Jesus.
- Did your definition describe “faith” as more of a belief that you hold or more of an action that you take? Why do you think that is?
- Faith and action are inseparable. We cannot simply be watchers and follow Jesus—we have to work! Pray and ask Jesus to allow his example of good works to spur you into action.

TALK IT OVER WITH KIDS

- What makes you feel more loved by a friend or family member—when they say “I love you” or when they do something really nice for you? Why do you think that is?
- God tells us that we’re not supposed to just say with our words that we love him, but that we are to show it through our actions. What do you think it looks like to show God we love him by our actions?
- Write down one way you will show God you love him through your actions this week. Then, pray and thank God for showing us through his actions on the Cross that he loves us!