



International Bible Study Commentary

Verse-by-Verse Bible Lessons Thru the Bible

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Lesson 5

James 2:14-26 Scripture Handout

New Revised Standard Version

Assign each person in the class one or more verses to study.
Each person should answer these two questions on their assigned verse.

1. What does this verse say?
 2. What does this verse mean to me?
- Discuss your answers with the class.

(James 2:14) What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you?

(James 2:15) If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food,

(James 2:16) and one of you says to them, “Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill,” and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that?

(James 2:17) So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.

(James 2:18) But someone will say, “You have faith and I have works.” Show me your faith apart from your works, and I by my works will show you my faith.

(James 2:19) You believe that God is one; you do well. Even the demons believe—and shudder.

(James 2:20) Do you want to be shown, you senseless person, that faith apart from works is barren?

(James 2:21) Was not our ancestor Abraham justified by works when he offered his son Isaac on the altar?

(James 2:22) You see that faith was active along with his works, and faith was brought to completion by the works.

(James 2:23) Thus the scripture was fulfilled that says, “Abraham believed

God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness,” and he was called the friend of God.

(James 2:24) You see that a person is justified by works and not by faith alone.

(James 2:25) Likewise, was not Rahab the prostitute also justified by works when she welcomed the messengers and sent them out by another road?

(James 2:26) For just as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is also dead.

Write out the verse or verses you have been assigned below:

Answer These Questions for Class Discussion or Personal Study

1. What does the verse say?
2. What does the verse mean to me?