



## **BELIEF AND BEHAVIOR**

JAMES 2:14-26

### **SCRIPTURE STUDY**

- Have someone read the passages in their entirety aloud. As a group, summarize the passage, and as you do so, note any observations, questions, and exciting insights you found while reading through the text. What jumped out at you? What was something you noticed now that you didn't see before?
- According to this passage, what is the relationship then between faith and works? Why is simple belief in God isn't enough (v. 19)?
- In what sense does James use the word justify? Look carefully and slowly at the text in James alone.
- Review the story of Abraham's belief in Genesis 15:6. Did he show any works at this point? Review his story in Genesis 22, how was Abraham's faith visible?
- Read Rom. 4:1-5. Does James contradict Paul? Why or why not? What are each of them addressing?
- How can Paul and James quote Genesis 15:6 to make their point? (See Rom. 4:3 in addition to James passage).
- James includes the story of Rahab (Joshua 2). What do you think are some factors about her story or identity that are important to the faith/works conversation?
- How does your understanding of faith need to be further shaped by this passage? How might you apply this passage to your life?