

Sermon Questions James Chapter 2 Faith-Works 3/19/2023

- 1. How does James describe faith that is not accompanied with good works?
- 2. Discuss the concept that the grace of God is both the initiator and activator (1 Cor. 15:10) in our lives. What did you think of the statement, "grace has a work-ethic"?
- 3. In the parable of the Great Wedding Feast in Matthew 22:11-13, what is the significance of the man who did not change his clothes and how can we apply it to our lives today?
- 4. What did you think of the statement, "when we study the New Testament letters, one helpful way to better understand challenging statements is by asking these questions: What issue is the writer trying to address or what problem is the writer trying to solve?
- 5. James 2:24 says "we are shown to be right with God by what we do, not by faith alone." Romans 3:28 says "we are made right with God through faith and not by obeying the law." Are these two statements contradictory? If not, why not?
- 6. James 2:25 says that Abraham and Rahab had faith with action "in the same way." What do we learn from these two in terms of grace, faith, and works?
- 7. What did you think of the quote, "God's provision is found on the mountain of sacrifice, not in the valley of self-preservation"?
- 8. In the statement, "genuine faith responds to divine opportunity," what could it look like for you to practically respond in faith to a divine opportunity this week?