



Morning Star Las Cruces 2022 Discussion Questions

Service Date = January 23, 2022
Series Title: Holy Justice
Sermon Title = Faith Works
Sermon Text: James 2:14-26

Discussion Questions

1. Do you like your name? Have you ever wished to change it? Did you change it? What does your name mean?

2. Do you have trouble remembering the names of other people? Do you use any tools or habits to help you remember? Why is it important to make the effort?

3. Did anything about this week's sermon, "Holy Justice: Faith Works," surprise or challenge you? What was your takeaway from the sermon?

4. Read James 2:14-26. How do you describe the connection between faith and action? How does that understanding play out in your own life?

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5. Who are the five women mentioned in the genealogy of Jesus? (See Matthew 1:1-17). Do you know their stories?* What point is the writer of Matthew trying to make by including these particular women in a record that typically only included the names of men?

6. What makes Rahab's story stand out in the history of faith that is shared in the letter to the Hebrews? (See Hebrews 11:1-40). What can we learn from her?

7. In this weekend's message, Pastor Amy mentioned four short common prayers. What are they? Which do you pray most regularly? Which one could you incorporate more often?

8. Read Ephesians 2:1-10 alongside this weekend's passage from James. Do these passages contradict each other? How could they work together to explain the relationship between grace and faith in the life of a follower of Jesus?

9. What are some ways that you seek to put your faith into action? What are some opportunities at Morning Star that might serve as another place where your faith and action could meet?

10. How might your group pray for you in the coming days?

*The stories of the women mentioned in the genealogy of Jesus (as shared in Matthew, Chapter 1) can be found in the following places in scripture:

Tamar - Genesis 38:1-30

Rahab - Joshua 2:1-24; Joshua 6:1-27

Ruth - Ruth, Chapters 1-4

Bathsheba (The Wife of Uriah) - 2 Samuel 11:1-27

Mary - Matthew 1:18-25; Luke 1:26-56; 2:1-20

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