



### March 4: James 2:14-26

1. Verses 14 and 17 best encapsulate James’s main point in this section of his letter. What is his main point? When he says that faith needs to “have works” to be saving, does he mean that words need to be *added* to faith, or that works should *naturally grow from* faith?
2. Look at the three times James used the word “faith” in these four verses. Each time, he is talking about something that is actually *less than*—and therefore *not at all*—genuine, saving faith. What textual clues do you see that would signal James’s understanding that this is not genuine faith? (Hint: The first time he uses the word, he says, “if someone *says* he has faith,” not “if someone *has* faith.” What similar clues show up in the second and third uses of the word?)
3. In verse 18 James begins a brief conversation with an imaginary opponent. “You have faith and I have works,” the opponent says. In other words, some people have faith and others have works, but both aren’t necessary. James counters by asserting

