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PRAYER

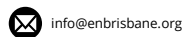
Lord, we thank You for the gift of faith that compels us to action. Help us to live out our faith boldly and sacrificially, serving others with love and compassion. May our lives be a testimony of Your grace and goodness, drawing others to You. In Jesus' name, Amen.



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OPENING QUESTION (OPTIONAL)

If you could choose any fictional character to join your mission team, who would it be and why?

WORD

[Read together as a group.]

1 My brothers and sisters, believers in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ must not show favoritism.

8 If you really keep the royal law found in Scripture, "Love your neighbor as yourself," you are doing right.

14 What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if someone claims to have faith but has no deeds? Can such faith save them? 15 Suppose a brother or a sister is without clothes and daily food. 16 If one of you says to them, "Go in peace; keep warm and well fed," but does nothing about their physical needs, what good is it? 17 In the same way, faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead. 18 But someone will say, "You have faith; I have deeds." Show me your faith without deeds, and I will show you my faith by my deeds. 19 You believe that there is one God. Good! Even the demons believe that—and shudder.

[James 2:1, 8, 14-19 \(ESV\)](#)

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

(NUMBERED ACCORDING TO LEVEL OF DEPTH AND READINESS TO SHARE)

1. Brainstorm ideas as a group on how you can collectively impact your community with the love of Christ through practical acts of service and evangelism.
2. Why is it important for Christians to understand the relationship between faith and works?
3. Share an example from your life or someone you know where faith was demonstrated through action or works.
4. James declares, "I will show you my faith by my works" (James 2:18). How can our actions and works serve as evidence of our faith in Christ?
5. What are some practical ways we can demonstrate our faith through acts of service and love towards others?
6. If anyone in the group desires to invite Jesus into their life as their Resurrected Lord and Savior, they can pray this prayer :

"Lord Jesus, I acknowledge that I am a sinner in need of Your salvation. I believe that You died on the cross for my sins and rose again, conquering death. I repent of my sins and invite You to be the Lord of my life. Empower me by Your Holy Spirit to live out my faith through works of love and service to others. Thank You for Your grace and forgiveness. In Your name, Amen."