



deovox group study guide

Mock Faith James 2.14-26

1. **"Mock Swedish"** raises the question of authenticity. What does it mean to be an authentic person? What are the contrasting characteristics of someone who is fake and someone who is authentic?

2. **For we maintain that a person is justified by faith apart from observing the law. Romans 3.28. Read Romans 3.21-31 for context.** Why is this truth so important? What effect has it had in your life? (Take some time to discuss the Romans passage – if time)

3. **You see that a man is justified by works and not by faith alone. James.** What role do works play in demonstrating that faith is real? If there are no good deeds, is it possible to say that someone's faith is real. What would James say? What would you say?

4. **If faith is just intellectual agreement with a statement - if that is faith - then it is no better than the so-called "faith" of demons.** What is your definition of faith? Read Matt 8.26; 9.1-3; 9.29; Mark 10.52; Rom 1.5; 1.17; 3.21-23; 4.9; 5.1; 14.23; I Cor 15.14; Hebrews 11.

5. **When you first heard the gospel, did you hear them talk about giving to the poor, caring for the needy, as an essential component of faith in Christ? Or was that just an option for some? If it was left out, then what kind of gospel is that? James would say, "it's no gospel at all."** Discuss.