

[SERMON NOTES]

You Can Talk the Talk, But Do You Walk the Walk? - (*James 1:19- 2:25*)

Our _____ dictates our _____. (*cf. Galatians 2:19-20*)

Salvation compels us to consistently _____ our inconsistencies.

_____ faith requires _____ actions. (*cf. Eph. 2:8-10, Mt.7:15-20*)

[QUICK REVIEW]

Looking at your notes from this week's teaching, was there anything you heard for the first time or something that caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?

[MY STORY]

Did you know the largest section of most book stores is the "Self-Help" section? Thousands upon thousands of books have been written to help people turn their convictions into realities! Typically, whenever we desire to make a change it's because we wish to rid inconsistencies out of our life for something genuine or better. *What are some common things people are often convicted about - but still struggle to put changes into practice? (ex: eating better!)*

When it comes to your faith journey, what was the moment or situation that led you to the point of responding to the conviction of your sin and need for saving faith?

This weekend we talked about the difference between a "forged faith" and a genuine faith. How would you describe the difference between someone who just *checks all the boxes* versus the person who genuinely seeks to daily surrender their life to Jesus?

[DIGGING DEEPER]

Some of Jesus' opponents were the Pharisees. They were people who were religiously upright, checked a lot of boxes, but Jesus often called their faith dead or stale. **Read Matthew 23.**

How does Jesus appear to respond to the Pharisees about how their faith has missed the mark?

Jesus offers 7 woes to the Pharisees, but also provides the 8 Beatitudes in **Matthew 5:1-11**. Read this passage and jot down at least 3 differences you see.

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How would you explain the purpose and point of the Beatitudes to a new Christian?

Which Beatitude is most challenging for you? And why?

*How do the Beatitudes relate to being “salt and light” to the rest of the world? **Matthew 5:13-16***

Jesus and much of the New Testament expresses the call to live obedient lives to Jesus, beyond just an intellectual faith. Read the passages below and write out what you notice about the difference between knowledge and obedience.

James 2:14-26

Galatians 2:14-21

1 John 2:3-5

Luke 6:46-49

[TAKING IT HOME]

One of the best and surest ways to live a life of active faith is to internalize and live out the words of life - Scripture! Try and memorize the following passage this week: **Galatians 2:20-21**