

**Discussion Questions for *The Connection of Faith and Works***  
**August 16, 2020**

1. In your own words, how do you explain the relationship between faith and works as a follower of Jesus?
2. How do James 2:24 and Romans 3:28 fit together?
3. How well do you think we do at helping to meet necessary needs of fellow brothers and sisters as described in vv. 15-16? What factors can lead us to not handling these situations well?
4. What is the difference between “intellectual faith” and “genuine faith”? What does it take for a person to be a genuine follower of Jesus? Did you ever come to a point where you personally realized your faith was “intellectual” rather than “genuine” and “life-changing”?
5. Why is Abraham’s offering of Isaac characterized as “works” by James?
6. Why is Rahab’s help of the messengers lead to James saying she was “justified by works”?
7. You have already talked a little about v. 24 (from question #2). But look at it again. What does it mean to be “justified by works and not by faith alone”? What role do “works” play in our faith in Jesus?
8. What is your faith in Jesus leading you to do? What kind of “work” is He leading you toward?