

Digging Deeper:

These questions are designed to help you dig deeper into the sermon topic, relevant scriptures, and provide deeper opportunities for reflection.

- 1. Pastor Steve defined faith as, *trusting God enough to do what He says even when it doesn't make sense*. Can you share a time when you trusted and obeyed God, even when it didn't make sense? What happened? How did others respond? And, where you ever given advice contrary to what you know God wanted you to do? If so, how did that play out?**

What lesson(s) did you learn from that whole experience?

- 2. Read James 2:14-17. It emphasizes the importance of active faith through good works, saying that faith without deeds is "dead." When you encounter someone who is poor, sick, hungry, and possibly without a home, how do you respond? How can you balance faith, compassion, and action in these moments?**
- 3. What are the consequences when Christians talk about their faith (especially on social media), but their actions don't align with what they say? How do you think this impacts both Christians and non-Christians?**

4. Read 1 John 3:18. What are some practical ways you demonstrate your faith through loving actions toward others? Do you think it's important for people to know that your love and kindness comes from your Christian faith, or is it enough to simply act in love? Why or why not?

5. Read Romans 7:19-25. Paul talks about the inner struggle of wanting to do what's right but still falling short. When you find yourself in that same struggle, what practical steps help you realign your actions with your faith? How comfortable are you with asking others for help when you feel stuck, and how often do you do it?

Application Questions:

The goal is life transformation, not simple discussion. This is how we live out this week's teaching.

1. In this weekend's sermon, Pastor Steve presented a Faith and Action Assessment, encouraging us to reflect on how our faith influences our obedience to Jesus' teachings. What's was one teaching you felt you were doing well in, and what's one teaching you'd like to improve on in your daily life?

Additionally, do you have any specific strategies or practical steps that will help you develop in that area? If not, spend some time as a group brainstorming practical ways we could all grow in His teachings.

Prayer Request: