

SERMON NOTES

In the same way, faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead.

James 2:17 NIV

To become a mature, spiritually reproducing follower of Jesus we have to interact with the Bible. These questions are designed to help you dig deeper into the Word of God and put it into action.



Have you ever been in a situation that you thought could not produce anything good? What happened?

Read Philippians 1:12-18. How did Paul view his difficult circumstances?

What are the implications for us?

Why was Paul, and why should you, be concerned about telling others about Jesus? (Take a look at Acts 4:12)

Paul circumstances encouraged others to talk about Jesus with nonbelievers. Who has been a spiritual encouragement to you to motivate you to share Jesus? (Send a note of appreciation.)

Who could you motivate to tell others about Jesus?

Paul first faced opposition from those resisting the gospel. Now he faces it from believers who are envious. They stirred up discord within the Christian community and hoped to gain a larger following for themselves.

What is the warning for us today? (Paul addresses their character, not their content.)

How did Paul handle the conflict with these leaders?

What was his attitude?

Will you adopt a similar attitude in the face of conflict?

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