



**“A Working Faith” - February 8, 2026**  
**Sermon by Pastor Ruthie Seiders**

## **Group Leader Notes**

This Sunday Pastor Ruthie explores what genuine faith looks like beyond Sunday worship and into the everyday realities of work, home, and community. Drawing from James 2, Pastor Ruthie Seiders challenges us to see faith not as something we merely believe, but something we actively live out through love, mercy, and compassion. Using Scripture, real-life examples, and stories from Grace Chapel’s Faith and Work gathering, she highlights how authentic faith is revealed through action and care for others across all stages of life. By pointing to Biblical examples like Abraham and Rahab, Pastor Ruthie reminds us that faith comes alive when it is expressed in deeds shaped by trust in God and love for neighbor. Ultimately, the sermon invites us to close the gap between Sunday and Monday by treating every person we encounter as a child of God and allowing our faith to be visible in the small, everyday choices we make—for the good of others and the glory of God.

**Main Scripture Reading: James 2:14-26**

## **Group Discussion**

Begin in prayer before reading and discussing the text.

- **James says that faith without action is dead.** How do you personally distinguish between *believing* in your faith and *practicing* your faith in everyday life?
- Pastor Ruthie talks about **closing the gap between Sunday worship and Monday work.** Where do you feel that gap most strongly—in your job, school, home, or relationships—and why?
- Pastor Ruthie offers real-life scenarios (helping a coworker, showing patience, choosing mercy). **Which example challenged you the most, and what does it reveal about how you typically respond under pressure or inconvenience?**
- Pastor Ruthie reframes a guiding rule: *Everyone is a child of God, an image bearer, and our work is to treat them that way.* **Who is hardest for you to see through that lens, and what might change if you truly did?**
- James highlights figures like **Abraham and Rahab** to show that genuine faith shows up in action across very different lives. **What does this tell us about who God can work through, and how does that encourage or challenge you in your own faith journey?**

## *Let's Pray*

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