

# MISSION 2012...REAL in the World II

February 3-4, 2012

James 2:14-20



MINOOKA BIBLE CHURCH

1. Do you ever have times like Carlos Vargas shared when it feels like God is distant and life seems out of sync? Why do we have those times? What do we learn in those times?
2. Have you ever had an instance like Carlos when God just seems to open the doors wide open and all seems to just fall into place? Why do we have those times? What do we learn in those times?
3. "What you do speaks so loudly I can't hear you!" Why is it that actions speak louder than words? How does this affect how we should live out our faith?
4. Were you ever part of the crowd that was trying to be "good enough" for God? How did you live out that belief? What was your relationship like with God then? What was your view of the cross then?
5. Pastor Dave's illustration with the boxes brings home the point...good works are a part of our salvation...they are the outflow. David Platt states, "The Gospel that saves us from work also saves us to work". According to these statements, what is the place of works in the Christian's life?
6. James 2:14-17...Why does James consider faith without works DEAD? Is someone truly saved if they have faith but no evidence of deeds/works?...Ephesians 2:8-9
7. James 2:17-19...Are there people today that lean more towards faith or maybe more towards works? Why do we want to separate these two? Why do we, as James states, have such a difficult time meshing the two?
8. 2 Corinthians 5:14-15...If a person truly has given their life over to Christ shouldn't good works just flow from them? Will it still be hard to do good at times? What or Who motivates us?
9. Matthew 5:14-16...Who should get all the attention for Christians doing good deeds? How can our good deeds lead people to see Jesus? Do you have any examples to share?
10. 1 Peter 2:12...What is the reason Peter gives for us to live out good deeds? Why do actions speak so loudly to our world?
11. 1 John 3:16-18...According to John what do our actions show others? How do our actions express this?
12. Pastor Dave urged us to "find a need and meet it; find a hurt and heal it." What kinds of needs have you seen that the Lord might be nudging you to meet? When is the last time you felt God's leading to do something, and how did you respond to that leading?

