

ACTION - Action in Living Out the Gospel

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Conversation Guide:

- ◆ Read **James 1:21**. Sin deteriorates our humanity, but Jesus has defeated sin. What does this mean to and for you?
- ◆ Read **James 2:5-8**. What does it mean to be rich in faith? Why is this important? Read vs. 8 again, then head over to **Leviticus 19:9-18**. What does it mean to fulfill the royal law? In what actionable, practicable ways can/will you love your neighbor as yourself? Marinate on the Dr. King quote together.

"The Gospel at its best deals with the whole man, not only his soul but his body, not only his spiritual well-being, but his material well-being. Any religion that professes to be concerned about the souls of men and is not concerned about the slums that damn them, the economic conditions that strangle them and the social conditions that cripple them is a spiritually moribund religion awaiting burial." - Dr. Martin Luther King from "Pilgrimage to Non-Violence," 1960.

- ◆ Read **Psalms 34:8**. How do you take refuge in the Lord? Pastor Derwin said that we must cultivate a posture of prayer. Do you know someone who has a strong prayer life? What about that person's prayer life do you want to emulate? What steps will you take to cultivate a posture of prayer?
- ◆ Read **Psalms 119:103-104**. Do you have a hunger for Scripture? Why is reading and savoring Scripture essential to spiritual formation? Read **John 5:39-40**. Against what things do these verses warn? Although reading the Bible is crucial to our spiritual formation, it does not give us eternal life. How can you be sure that you not only love the Bible but more so love the Author of the Bible?
- ◆ Read **Hebrews 10:24-25**. How has being a part of a small group encouraged you? How can you help others get connected to a gospel-centered small group?
- ◆ Read **Hebrews 2:9-11**. Jesus calls everyone brothers and sisters. How, then, should you treat people?

Soul-tattoo: Continue to read the book of James.

Corporate Prayer: Father, Thank you for King Jesus and His gospel. By the power of the Spirit, give us hearts that treasure Him above all. Father, fill our hearts with Your love so that we can love our neighbor. In Jesus' name, Amen.