**Important Foundations**

1. Scripture is the actual inspired word of God, inerrant and accurate
2. Scripture is to be understood literally & in context
3. No Passage in the Bible questions or is intended to bring into question the eternal destination of one who has faith in Christ

**Personal Bible Study Mindset**

1. If scripture is the true word of God, I should adjust my worldview to match scripture
2. Understanding scripture in its original context precludes trying to finesse my personal desires into scripture.
3. I have to actively combat ingrained false doctrines and view scripture in the light of my assurance of eternal life.

**Dive Prep - James 2:19-26**

* Define our terms – saved, works, justified, believe, faith, perfect
* Let context drive your interpretation not your preconceptions or tradition
* Scripture can’t contradict - only faith gives life!
  + Romans 4:5, John 3:16, 5:24,6:47 ,etc. etc.
  + We must make faith alone in Christ alone our hill to die on!

**Dive – James 2:19-26**

* Faith without works is dead! But dead to who?
* Observe the expectation/goal of the faith & work of the examples the author uses
  + Demons – Does faith or work change their outcome?
  + Abraham – justified to who? Who called him God’s friend?
  + Rahab – justified to who?
* Let context drive your preconceptions

**Conclusion – James 2:19-26**

* James 2 should be deeply convicting to us to put our faith into action
* Like \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, men will see us as Christians either as a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ or a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
* This passage has nothing to do with \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ we have life, everything to do with \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the new life we know we have in Christ.