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Bible Study and Discussion Group

Topic: The Book of James – Authentic Faith
Handout #1 – Introduction

James 2:26 NKJ

26 For as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead.

Reading Plan for This Week: Habits

- **H** _____
- **A** _____
- **B** _____
- **I** _____
- **T** _____
- **S** _____

Bible Study and Discussion Outline

Opening Remarks

- **Emotionally Healthy Discipleship**
 - Remember the definition of an “emotionally healthy disciple”
 - **“An emotionally healthy disciple slows down to be with Jesus, goes beneath the surface of their life to be deeply transformed by Jesus, and offers their life as a gift to the world for Jesus.”**

- Remember the 7 Marks of an Emotionally Healthy Disciple
 1. Be before you do
 2. Follow the crucified Christ...
 3. Embrace God's gift of limits
 4. Discover the treasures buried in grief and loss
 5. Make love the measure of maturity
 6. Break the power of the past
 7. Lead out of weakness and vulnerability
 - The Emotionally Healthy Discipleship Course
 - Emotionally Healthy Spirituality
 - Emotionally Healthy Relationships
 - Resources
- Bible Study Topic: The Book of James – Authentic Faith
 - 1st Assignment – Read through the whole book
 - 2nd Assignment – Make notes and observations
 - Group Discussion: Keys to Effective Bible Study
- I. An Introduction to the Book of James – Authentic Faith (James 1:1)
 - a. A Theological Outline of James (The Bible Reader's Companion by Lawrence O. Richards)
 - Practicing Faith 1-2
 - Problems for Faith 3-4
 - Prospects of Faith 5
 - b. The Author
 - c. The Audience
 - d. Perspective on Faith
 - II. Faith and Trials (1:2-18)
 - III. Faith and Righteous Living (1:19-27)

Conclusion: