**“The Walking Dead”**

3-Fold Purpose: ***Love God, Love Others, Serve the World***

One Mission: ***Make Disciples***

4 Commitments:

***Shaped by the Word***

1. Share something from Sunday’s sermon that challenged or puzzled you
2. Read James 2:14-26.
   1. Discuss some of your responses to this passage or questions that you have.
   2. Even though works does not save us, why is it essential to faith?
   3. It is possible to read the Bible but not be shaped by it. Based on this passage, how might James instruct you on how you should read the Bible?

***Surrendered to His Will***

1. Both Paul and James in their letters use Abraham’s example of believing God and having it credited to him as righteousness.
   1. How does Abraham’s example illustrate that belief (or faith) is more than mere mental assent?
   2. Abraham, in fact, never ended up putting his son to death? How then could his example illustrate “faith completed by . . . works” (v. 22)?
   3. Do you struggle with practically living out your own faith? Discuss.

***Connected to His Spirit***

1. Philippians 2:13 states: “For it is God who works in you to will and to act in order to fulfill his good purpose.”
   1. How does this verse illustrate the importance of being connected to His Spirit?
   2. How important is ongoing prayer when it comes to putting your faith into action?
   3. How often do you sense the Holy Spirit prompting you to act in response to his word or a need that’s brought to your attention?

***Building His Kingdom***

1. Is there something in your life that’s keeping you from living out your faith?
2. What will you commit to this week in response to what you learned today?
3. What will your life group commit to this summer that is a practical example of faith expressing itself through works? Is there something you can do that utilizes the Forward missional fund? Use the blanks below:

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Weekly Scripture Memory

*For as the body apart from the spirit is dead, so also faith apart from works is dead.* James 2:26 (ESV)