



WEEK FOUR | DO AS HE DID

We have grown accustomed to letting people know we are or will pray for them. These responses come from pleas on Facebook mostly. It's a default response to show we care. It's not wrong. However, we are seeing a trend where people going through tragedy are less moved by hearing "I'll be praying for you," or "My thoughts and prayers go to..." or seeing praying hands emojis. While they may need and want prayers, what they really want is action. Don't just pray about it. Do something. I need help. I get that.

When you think of "following Jesus," what's the first image or action that comes to mind?

While it's important to pray for one another, how has saying, "I'll be praying for you," become easy faith.

TALK ABOUT IT

Russ shared that growing up, he equated following Jesus with working for Jesus. **If you grew up with a similar message, how did it shape your faith?**

Read James 2:14–18.

The sermon outlined five radical practices of Jesus—hospitality, generosity, mercy, service, and love.

Which one do you find most natural?

Which is most challenging for you?

How have you seen people (including Christians) sometimes confuse faith with just having a good "worship experience" rather than living a life of action?

When you hear the word "radical" connected to faith, what do you think about?

APPLY IT

If someone looked at your week, what would they learn about who or what you follow?

What would help you have more balance between hearing and doing for Jesus?

PRAY

Make this time an indispensable part of your group. It can be at the beginning, end, or wherever but don't overlook it. We have plenty to pray about.

- Pray together before you go home.
- Take requests, email them to the group, ask them to pray this week.