

## **Help Wanted**

February 23 & 24, 2013

James 2:14-17

<sup>14</sup> What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if someone claims to have faith but has no deeds? Can such faith save them? <sup>15</sup> Suppose a brother or a sister is without clothes and daily food. <sup>16</sup> If one of you says to them, "Go in peace; keep warm and well fed," but does nothing about their physical needs, what good is it? <sup>17</sup> In the same way, faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead. (James 2:14-17 NIV)

## **Consider & Discuss**

- 1. What types of service do you enjoy doing? What types of service would you rather avoid?
- 2. What meaningful ways have other people served you?
- 3. What do you think of the concept of doing for one what you can't do for everyone? Isn't that inherently unfair and wrong?
- 4. How would you explain the relationship between faith and deeds? How do you think they relate to going to heaven?
- 5. Read <u>James 2:14-17</u>. How would you summarize the main point of this passage?
- 6. Are you more likely to err on the side of faith without deeds or deeds without faith?
- 7. How does <u>James 2:14-17</u> affect your thinking on the question above about the relationship between faith, deeds, and heaven?
- 8. What would you say to someone who has faith but not deeds? How about deeds without faith?

## Live It

- 1. Sign up for <u>The Road Daily Email</u>.
- 2. Memorize 1 Peter 4:10 this week.
- 3. Pick one specific way in which you can serve someone close to you this week; and then do it!
- 4. Volunteer to serve at Renaissance (send an email to serve@renaissancechurch.org).