

## **JAMES: FAITH THAT WORKS**

“The Brotherhood” James 2:1-13

### **Reflect:**

Sunday’s topic was about our behavior within the church to one another. We are not to be partial, we are not to discriminate, we are not to be snobs. Don’t claim to possess faith in our Lord Jesus Christ and show favoritism. When someone walks thru the church’s doors, we are to show no favoritism to one and partiality to another. Everyone is on equal ground, everyone is the same. We the church are to be an organization like no organization; to never be impartial. We are the organization where no one is an outcast, but everyone is treated with respect and honor accepted forgiven and loved.

### **Discussion Questions:**

1. Be honest with your own feelings in this area. Have you ever gravitated more to a person who might be very presentable might be rich, than to a person who looks homeless? They smell, they seem to be acting a bit weird? I think we have. But now learning it’s better to give than to receive...It is better now that I give of myself. Not thinking, “What can I receive from them?” How can we begin to make the necessary changes to combat this form of favoritism?
2. In this area of needing to be impartial. We have the tendency to measure degrees of sin. Our sin never looks as bad as others sin. Sure, I will take a pencil or pen or paper clips from the office, but I don’t do drugs or abuse drugs as that brother does. Sin is sin, it’s breaking the law, and breaking just one is breaking them all. With the knowledge of this truth, how will you be able to change the way you look towards others and their sin? How can the royal law magnify itself in our lives? V.8
3. Because of our favoritism, we tend to judge others. But what we measure to others it will be measured back to us. If we measure out judgment, then judgment will be measured back to us. But if we measure out mercy and grace in our day of need mercy and grace will be measured back to us. Does this help to change the way we measure up others in a negative way? If yes, why?