



JAMES - Faith in Action

Real Faith Loves (4/9)

SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

CONNECT: Based on James 1:19–27, if someone looked at your life, what would show them you're a follower of Jesus?

Warm-Up

1. Can you recall a time when someone has demonstrated favouritism to someone else at your expense? How did it feel?

Read James 2:1-4

2. What is favouritism? What is the very first reason that James gives as to why we shouldn't do this?
3. If a situation in V2 was to happen at St John's, what do you think you would do?
4. Why can our thoughts and judgements about others be evil? How are God's judgements different to that of God's?

Read James 2:5-13

5. Who does God choose to inherit the kingdom? Can you think of other examples in the bible where God has chosen the least to be part of his Kingdom?
6. What does it mean to be 'rich in the faith'? What is the hope of this?
7. Instead of honouring these people, who have the churches honoured? Why would they favour the rich people? What could have been their motive?
8. Could we possibly be at risk of doing the same thing as the churches were doing?
9. Is there such thing as a small sin? Why not? What reasons does James give?
10. What does this tell us about the seriousness of favouritism?
11. What is the 'law that gives freedom' and how can we have hope since we are all law breakers?
12. How should the way that Jesus' has treated us shape the way that we treat others?

APPLY: Are you ever tempted by showing favouritism? How can Jesus' mercy for you transform how you view people?

PRAY: *Lord God, thank you that you have not shown partiality but have saved us and brought us into your kingdom. Help us to not show favouritism but to show compassion and mercy as you have done for us In Jesus' name, Amen.*