

LifeGroup Meeting

Faith/Works 1
“It’s Deeper than Favoritism”

Get To Know You Question:

What is or was your favorite family vacation?

Let’s Dig Deeper

1. Someone read all of **James 2:1-13**. Spend some time and share some key words that spoke out to you while reading. What is it about those words that spoke to you? Try to find something that you didn’t see last time you read this.
2. Someone read **James 2:1**.
 - Why do people normally show favoritism?
 - What are some motivations behind favoritism?
 - How might we fall into the trap of showing favoritism in church?
 - How have we been a victim of favoritism in the past?
 - Why is favoritism or partiality often overlooked as sin? How often do we excuse this sin in others and in ourselves?
 - Why is faith in Christ and favoritism incompatible?
3. What is the Royal Law (**James 2:8**)
 - Why is this called the royal law?
 - Jesus takes two royal laws in the Old Testament and joins them together and claims that all of the Bible can be summed up into these two royal laws. What are they? (**Matthew 22:36-40**).
 - Why do you think these two royal laws sums up all the law and the prophets?
4. In what way does failing the law at just one point make us guilty of breaking all of it?

- What are your thoughts on how there is no grace in God's law? None.
 - Why did God make sure there would be no grace or mercy in his law?
 - Since we have all broken at least one law, what hope do we have?
5. Even though Christians go into the Day of Judgement with assurance, they will still be held accountable for what they did (**2 Corinthians 5:10**). What is the connection between loving God and being accountable to Him for our actions?
- Someone read **James 2:13**. What does James mean when he says "for judgement is without mercy to one who has shown no mercy"?
 - What does he mean when he says "mercy triumphs over judgment"?
6. Most of us may never struggle over the "BIG" sins of the bible, like murder or adultery. But how often do the "LITTLE" sins keep creeping into our lives?
- What has this passage taught us about the little sins we seem to continue to commit?
7. Pray as a group that the Lord will reveal to us the importance of striving to eradicate all the little sins in our lives, because even though they may seem little, they still break the whole law of God.