

James – Small Group Study Week 4

Verses for the week: James 2:1-4

The Sin of Partiality

1My brothers,^a show no partiality as you hold the faith in our Lord Jesus Christ, the Lord of glory. **2**For if a man wearing a gold ring and fine clothing comes into your assembly, and a poor man in shabby clothing also comes in, **3**and if you pay attention to the one who wears the fine clothing and say, “You sit here in a good place,” while you say to the poor man, “You stand over there,” or, “Sit down at my feet,” **4**have you not then made distinctions among yourselves and become judges with evil thoughts?

Questions:

1. What is the particular problem James is addressing among these believers?
2. Why is it so bad to make "distinctions among [ourselves]?"

Quote of the week: Aim at Heaven and you will get Earth 'thrown in': aim at Earth and you will get neither. CS Lewis

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