

PURSUING WHAT MATTERS TO GOD

The Tempering of Your
Judgment
(James 2:1-13)

If you really fulfill the royal law according to the Scripture, 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself', you are doing well. But if you show partiality, you are committing sin... - James 2:8 – 9

The church is... made up of natural enemies. What binds us together is not common education, common race, common income levels, common politics, common nationality, common accents, common jobs, or anything else of that sort. Christians come together... because they have all been saved by Jesus Christ... They are a band of natural enemies who love one another for Jesus' sake. - Donald A. Carson

Maturity of the soul is manifested when other people become more important than you. - Charles Colson

BIG IDEA: Showing Partiality is Inconsistent with our Faith in Jesus Christ (2:1)

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Why? Because showing partiality is	

- i. <u>Based on Superficial Distinctions</u> (2:2 4)
- ii. Rooted in Worldly Values (2:5 7)

iii. Contrary to the Law of Love (2:8 – 11)

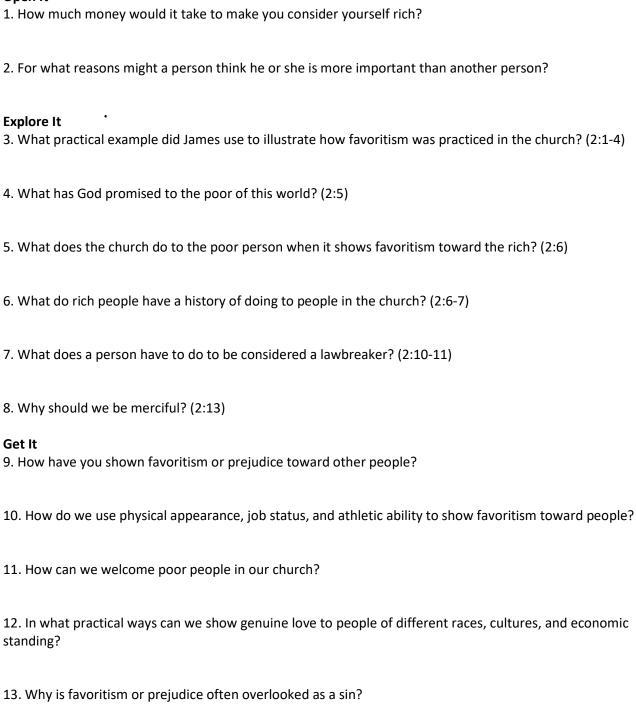
iv. Judgemental rather than Merciful (2:12 – 13)

Study and Discussion Questions



James 2:1-13

Open It



Apply It

- 14. From whom can you ask forgiveness this week for showing prejudice toward him or her?
- 15. How can you change the way you look at wealth this week so that you value it as God does?