

James 2:1-13: Don't Play Favourites

1. Opener:
Tell us about a person in your life who just rubs/rubbed you the wrong way. What was it about them that made it hard for you to show love to them?
2. What three tests of true religion - genuine faith- does James list in James 1:26-27
3. What is James main point in James 1:1-13? Which of the three tests does he seem to be elaborating on in this passage?
4. Do poor or shabby people come to our church? If so how are they treated? If not, why do you think they don't come?
5. What reasons are given for not showing favoritism to the rich in 2:1-11?
6. What is "the royal law (2:8)? Why do you think James refers to it as the royal law?
7. Why does breaking one law make us guilty of breaking the whole law? (James 2:10-11. See also: Matt. 5:17-20, Rom 13:8-10)
8. Based on the fact that showing partiality here means to judge on the face of things or to judge based on externals. What other ways might we judge people that are incompatible with "the royal law?"
9. What is "the law that gives freedom?" (2:12)
10. What will happen to those of us who have not shown mercy? (2:13)
11. In light of all of this has God been convicting you about a prejudice you need to repent of, or a person you need to show mercy and love to?