

James: Playing Favorites

2:1-13



1. What insight, principle or observation from this week's message did you find to be most helpful, eye opening or troubling? Please explain.
2. Describe a situation when you felt like you were given special treatment - you were the favorite. How did it feel? Describe a time when someone else was given special treatment at your expense. How did that feel?
3. Why do we hate favoritism? Why are we all still prone to do it? What do we hope to get in return when we show favoritism?
4. Who are people in society that are most likely to be given special treatment? Who are those who aren't? To whom are you most tempted to give special treatment?
5. Read James 2:1-7. Who was given special attention? Who was cast aside? According to this scenario, why did favoritism not make sense from a spiritual perspective and from the perspective of logic?
6. Read James 2:8. What is the alternative to favoritism? What kills it every time?
7. Read James 2:9-13. There are some pretty hard-hitting truths here about the results of favoritism. What hits you hardest and why?
8. What does love require of you? In your situation as an employee, employer, wealthy person living in a 1st world nation, as a parent, teacher, student in school, what does love require of you? How can you love others as you love yourself? In what areas is this a challenge, and in what areas are you prone to favoritism?
9. Pray together.