

Doing Faith: Faith or Favorites

James 2:1-13

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1. Describe a time when you've seen favoritism in action. What happened? Who was hurt? How many people were affected?
2. How have you seen favoritism happen at church? Do you see it at CCCC?
3. Why does James say favoritism is *evil*? (2:4)
4. Read Deuteronomy 10:17. How does this verse describe God's heart toward people? How is someone who shows partiality reflecting the opposite kind of heart?
5. Describe how showing partiality to people violates both parts of the "greatest commandment." (Matthew 22:36-40)
6. How do God's Law and his mercy work together for the follower of Jesus?
7. How would it change your perception of other people, and the way you treat them, if you lived out of a conviction that you are poor and needy before God?
8. Read 2 Corinthians 5:16-20. Discuss how what Paul says in these verses aligns with what James teaches in 2:1-13.