

Show Your Faith By How You Treat Others

“Living Faith”

James 2:1-13

Discussion Questions

1. Read James 2:1-13. The main idea of this passage is: The way we treat others illustrates what we really believe about God. Take some time in your group to share your thoughts about this statement. Give an example of this in your own life.
2. Favoritism literally means to “receive the face of.” In other words, it occurs when we make a judgment based solely on the appearance of someone. Give an example or two in which we often see this taking place in our society.
3. Have you or someone close to you ever experienced discrimination of any kind? If so, how did it make you feel? How did you respond to the discrimination?
4. Read Galatians 2:20. If the value of something is what someone is willing to pay for it, then how valuable are you as a believer? In what area(s) of your life do you need to be reminded of your great value as a child of God?
5. Read James 2:8 and then Luke 10:25-37. What is the “royal law” according to James 2:8? According to the sermon, why was the Jewish lawyer disappointed when Jesus said that it was a Samaritan who helped out the dying man?
6. James concludes 2:1-13 with the subject of mercy. He states that mercy triumphs over judgment. Why should Christians be the greatest agents of mercy? How have you personally experienced God’s mercy in your life? In what way(s) do you believe God is calling you to be an agent of mercy at our church? Be specific.