

LIFEGROUP

STUDY ON JAMES 2:1-13

These LifeGroup questions are structured to allow for deeper discussions following on from the Sunday sermon on the book of James. Please don't limit yourself to just these questions, feel free to ask more questions as the Spirit leads. But please don't feel you have to answer all of them either. May the Spirit lead you and your group to dig deeper into knowing more about God.

WARMING UP

1. Growing up as a child, did you ever feel like your parents showed favouritism towards your other siblings? Why?

READ JAMES 2:1-13

2. What does it mean to show favouritism? And why is favouritism a bad idea?
3. How does favouritism contradict "believers in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ" (v1)?
4. Why do we have a tendency to show bias towards certain individuals?
5. In what ways might believers today, show favouritism/bias/prejudice within the church setting? How about outside of the church?
6. Do you think God shows favouritism? Why?
7. What does v5 teach us about God's character and what God has done for us? How does that reveal that partiality to the rich is wrong?

8. How does showing favouritism/prejudice reveal our sinful nature? (v8-11) What do you think is the root cause of favouritism/prejudice?
9. Practically speaking, how do we avoid showing favouritism/prejudice? What should be the guide of our actions and thinking?
10. How do we motivate and move ourselves and others beyond favouritism/prejudice?

MOVING FORWARD IN PRAYER

11. What prevents us from be transparent and open with one another? Do you think it is a bias/prejudice we have towards individuals? Why or why not?
12. What benefit can happen if we were transparent and open with one another?
13. How can what Christ has done for us, help us move beyond that?

To end, share with each other: if God could change ONE THING in your life right now, what would it be?

End by praying for one another about that one thing.