

Steadfast Not Swayed

The Evils of Externalism

SMALL GROUP NOTES

Tom Shaw 24 February 2013

Scriptures

James 2:1-13

Outline

The talk on Sunday introduced the problem of partiality. How we can treat people differently due to the external. James challenges us to not be a people that finds value in the outside but the inside. We then looked at the four solutions James gives on how we can overcome this challenge for those who:

- 1) Tend to look down - v5
- 2) Tend to look up - v6-7
- 3) Tend to Forget - v8-12
- 4) Miss his Mercy - v13

Questions for discussion

1) What external characteristics affect your view of others?

E.g confidence, rich, Relationship status etc.

2) How can we as a small group grow in giving glory to Christ rather than others?

3) What impact will us living out the commandment from God "love your neighbour as yourself" have on the way we love within the Church and those in the City?

4) How can we grow in knowing and living in the mercy of God that has triumphed over judgement?

Tags

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