



the book of James

Week 4

James 2:1-13



Key Verse

James 2:8 | If you really fulfill the royal law according to Scripture, "You shall **love** your neighbor as yourself," you are doing well.

Application Questions

- Is there a specific group of people you have a hard time loving? How can you be intentional in loving them this week?
- Are there sins that you are justifying in your life as "not a big deal" while **also** judging someone else for committing a different sin?

Life Questions

- Anything we can pray for this week?
- Anyone hurting around you that we can pray for or love this week?

Diving In Questions

- (2-3) If this scene were to happen in our church this week, what do you think would happen? How would we treat the two people differently?
- (5) Is there a direct connection between being **poor** in the world but **rich** in faith (or being rich in the world but poor in faith)?
- (7-10) How would James respond if someone told him, "I'm better than most, I keep 8 out of 10 commands."
- (10) What is the proper response for the Christian who feels guilty about how sinful they are?
- (11) In your opinion, what are sins that the American church focuses on too much and ones that we ignore or even accept? What does verse 11 tell us about both lists?
- (12) This is the second time James uses the phrase "Law of liberty/freedom." What does this mean?
- (13) What is judgment? What is mercy? What is this verse saying about them?

Main Point of Passage

You cannot love your neighbor as yourself if you love some people, but not others based on their appearance.