

MAKING

FAITH

WORK

JAMES 2:17

SEEING PEOPLE AS GOD SEES THEM

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1. **Intro:** When was a time that you felt overlooked or excluded? In other words, when was a time that you were a victim of someone's favoritism? How did it make you feel?
2. Read **James 2:1**. What makes favoritism incompatible with faith in Jesus?
3. **Read James 2:2-4**. We show favoritism because we think we stand something to gain from it. How do you see this to be true in your own life?
4. **Read James 2:5**. What does God offer us that should set us free from the sin of favoritism and the desire for worldly power?
5. **Read James 2:6-11**. What makes putting our trust in worldly power so dangerous, and what makes the sin of favoritism so serious?
6. **Read James 2:6-11**. Mercy is the opposite of favoritism. What does that look like practically? To whom can you show mercy this week?

QUESTIONS FOR KIDS

1. **Read James 2:1**. James is telling us if we are believers in Jesus Christ, then we shouldn't show favoritism. Why?
2. **Read James 2:8**. James calls "loving our neighbor as ourselves" the royal law. Over and over in scripture we are told to love other people. Why?
3. What are some things that make us show favoritism towards people? Ask God for His help in seeing all His children the way He sees them.