

**James: Faith in Action**  
**Partiality**  
**James 2:1-13**

**TALK IT OVER**

**Passages**

*"2 My brothers, show no partiality as you hold the faith in our Lord Jesus Christ, the Lord of glory. 2 For if a man wearing a gold ring and fine clothing comes into your assembly, and a poor man in shabby clothing also comes in, 3 and if you pay attention to the one who wears the fine clothing and say, "You sit here in a good place," while you say to the poor man, "You stand over there," or, "Sit down at my feet," 4 have you not then made distinctions among yourselves and become judges with evil thoughts? 5 Listen, my beloved brothers, has not God chosen those who are poor in the world to be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom, which he has promised to those who love him? 6 But you have dishonored the poor man. Are not the rich the ones who oppress you, and the ones who drag you into court? 7 Are they not the ones who blaspheme the honorable name by which you were called? 8 If you really fulfill the royal law according to the Scripture, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself," you are doing well. 9 But if you show partiality, you are committing sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. 10 For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become guilty of all of it. 11 For he who said, "Do not commit adultery," also said, "Do not murder." If you do not commit adultery but do murder, you have become a transgressor of the law. 12 So speak and so act as those who are to be judged under the law of liberty. 13 For judgment is without mercy to one who has shown no mercy. Mercy triumphs over judgment." – James 2:1-13 (ESV)*

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**Start Talking: Find an announcement or mission for your group. (15 Min)**

- February 12: Super Bowl Party - Invite some unchurched friends or friends/neighbors that are disconnected
- Feb. 22: Attend Ash Wednesday as a Life Group
- What's one thing from last weekend's sermon that you hope we talk about as a group?

**Head: Start Thinking about the Text. Ask a question to get your group thinking. (10 Min)**

- The sermon text was James 2:1-13 and can be found on the left-hand side. To keep the study fresh please read Leviticus 19:13-18 in your Bible for your life group's main text.
- What stands out in Leviticus 19:13-18 that maybe surprises you?
- Why would showing partiality be an issue to the LORD?

**Heart: Start Sharing how the Text is shaping our beliefs. Choose a question to create openness. (10 Min)**

- When have you played favorites? Did you feel guilty about it? Why or why not?
- When have you been the victim of partiality? How was it unjust?
- What are some examples of God being nonpartial?

**Hands: Start living the Text. Commit to believing or obeying the text this week. (10 Min)**

- What are some others ways that can help you to judge and treat others fairly?
- This week, pray that God will keep you from partiality in your interactions.

**Start Praying. Be bold and pray with power. (15 Min)**

- For suggestions on structuring prayer time, see the *Group Prayer Ideas* page in this packet.

**Trios: Split into same-gender groups of three. Pick a question. (15 Min)**

1. Who is one non-believer or someone without a church home that you need to reach out to this week?
2. What kind of conversations are you having with people you are reaching out to?
3. Is there anything God is leading you to repent of?
4. What's a passage of scripture that has impacted you this week? Read it to the group and explain why.
5. What's something you'd like someone else to check in with you about this week?
6. Pray for one another.