

Sermon: From Partiality to Love.
Series: *James: Real Wisdom, Real Faith.*

Scripture: James 2:8-13.
Date: November 7, 2021

OBSERVATION -- As a group, talk through and summarize the passage. Think through *Who, What, Where, When, How, Why* questions together.

INTERPRETATION -- Answer these questions together:

1) What does this passage teach us about us?

a) Where has partiality crept into your thinking/attitudes/behaviors this week? Is there anyone that you have treated with favoritism?

b) James teaches us that we can't "pick and choose" which parts of God's law we obey. What are some ways that we do this in our everyday lives?

2) What does this passage teach us about God?

a) What does this passage teach us about God's law? God's justice? God's mercy?

b) Read Ephesians 2:4-5. God is rich in mercy. When do you find it difficult to trust God's mercy? In what ways have you experienced God's rich mercy?

3) What does this passage teach us about grace/salvation? How does it point to Christ?

a) James calls the law the "Royal Law" and then the "Law of Liberty." How do these two names for the law of God point us to Jesus Christ? (Think about Jesus as King and Savior)

b) Jesus made the law a "law of liberty." How does knowing that the law of love is now a "law of liberty" free us up to actually love others impartially?

APPLICATION

a) Read Matthew 18:21-35. Is there anyone that you have failed to show the mercy of God to? To forgive? To reach out to? How can you rectify this?

b) Is there a neighbor in need that God has been nudging you to love? In what specific way might you be able to help them?

FIGHTER VERSES: James 2:14-17.

PRAYER

- Praise God for lavish mercy.
- Confess ways that you have failed to love others impartially.
- Ask God to help you to trust his mercy for you and to live under the law of liberty.