

The Book of James
James 2:1-7
T.A.G. Resource

Hold your faith in the glorious Lord Jesus Christ without favoritism/partiality. A favoritism based on external considerations is inconsistent with faith in the One who came to break down the barriers of nationality, race, class, gender, and religion.

Topic: Read James 2:1-7, Leviticus 19:15, Deuteronomy 10:17, Acts 10:34-43, Colossians 3:11, and 1 Samuel 16:7.

How does GCC describe faith/belief? (“A heartfelt acceptance” of what three things and “a willing submission to” what?)

What is so special about calling Jesus “Lord” as it pertains to God’s divine name?

The poor of this world who are rich in faith will inherit the Kingdom of God. Is the Kingdom already here or yet to come? (see Luke 6:20, Mark 1:14-15, Matthew 12:28, Luke 17:21, Matthew 25:31, 34)

How does showing partiality to believers based on money, etc. denigrate the name of Jesus?

Association:

Where do you most naturally struggle with partiality or pre-judging people—is it based on wealth, job status, political views, appearance, or background?

James says discriminating makes us “judges with evil thoughts.” What internal motives or insecurities drive us to align with status or success over character?

If a complete stranger walked into your small group or church service wearing dirty clothes vs. designer attire, how would their experience differ? How can your group actively prevent passive favoritism?

Guidance:

James reminds us that God has chosen the poor to be rich in faith. How does our culture’s view of success differ from God’s view of wealth, and how can we adopt His perspective?

How can you support the missions ministry of GCC and so bless the poor of the world yet those rich in faith?

Pray with and for one another.