

Sermon Questions James Chapter 2 Favoritism 3/12/2023

- 1. In what ways are you tempted to judge someone before knowing who they really are?
- 2. What can we learn from the prophet Samuel's first impulse to anoint Jesse's oldest son as the new king of Israel (1 Samuel 16:6-7).
- 3. How was the Christian church of the first few centuries radically different from Greek and Roman culture in terms of their weekly gatherings?
- 4. If we find that we speak or interact with different people in different ways, does this necessarily mean that we are a "respecter of persons"? In Matthew 22:16 does it appear that Jesus spoke differently to different people?
- 5. According to James 2:5 and 1 Corinthians 1:27-29, why does God choose the foolish, weak and lowly people of this world to be in His kingdom?
- 6. Is it ever God's call on someone's life to be financially poor?
- 7. Did you ever think about whether the family Jesus was born into was rich or poor?
- 8. Regarding breaking one law before God as being equivalent to breaking all of God's law, was the analogy of the golf ball and the window breaking a helpful illustration?
- 9. Which of these four makers of "genuine faith" from James chapter 2 resonates most with you:
 - --Looking beyond the externals
 - --Being slow to make judgments
 - --Realizing our own guilt
 - --Cherishing God's mercy