

## **Bible Summary**

James 2:1-13

Favorites

People naturally have prejudices against certain people. Our prejudices can be anything: money, race, politics, religion, age, lifestyle, or identity politics. James correctly says this “us vs. them” ends in murder v11. As believers we are called to the royal law of loving our neighbor as ourselves. It is this command that is the antidote to the divisions that have plagued the world for millennium.

Scriptures— James 2:1-13; Judges 6-8, 13-16; 1 Samuel 10-16; Acts 4:13; Genesis 1:26-28

## **Bible Questions & Application**

(These are meant to aid in facilitating conversation.

There is no obligation to run through **every** listed question.)

1. How did Sunday’s teaching challenge your thinking?
2. Why is showing favoritism (prejudice) wrong for a Christian?
3. In the world and the workplace, showing favoritism to others is commonplace and often encouraged.
  - a. What causes us to elevate certain people over others?
  - b. How can my favoritism affect the church?
4. The U.S. has become increasingly divided and “tribal” in its mentality. How can we foster unity and compassion?
5. How can I identify favoritism in my life personally?
6. How do I live a life free from prejudicial favoritism? What do I do to fight that fight? (Phil. 2:13)
7. “Good and evil both increase at compound interest.” Discuss.
8. Is there a way as a community group we can help each other to love our neighbor as ourself?
9. Matt challenged us to share a meal within the next month with a person with whom we would least expect to spend time. Will you accept the challenge?

## **“Getting to know you” Questions**

1. Since we last met, what are a couple things you’re particularly thankful for? (Philippians 4:8)
2. Have you seen any victories?
3. What is a challenge you are facing right now?
4. What is one thing you are looking forward to?