

**Scripture** | James 2:1-13

**Ice Breaker** | 1. What is your go to when picking a movie to watch: a lighthearted comedy, a serious drama, or an action flick?

**Going Deeper** |

1. Is there anything that stood out to you from Sunday's message, or do you have any questions?
2. Read James 2:1-13
3. What is the issue that James is addressing in this passage? Do you think this is an issue that still exists today?
4. How does favoritism and discrimination affect those involved, both the person being favored, and the person being discriminated against?
5. What is the example James provides to illustrate favoritism (verses 2-4)? Does this example still apply today? How might you restate the example for today?
6. In the message this week, David shared a personal experience of his family being discriminated against by a church in Ottawa due to their low socioeconomic status. Can you think of a time when you witnessed or experienced favoritism or discrimination? How did it make you feel, and what impact did it have on your life?
7. James confronted the issue of favoritism within the church, admonishing believers to not show partiality based on outward appearances like wealth, and to follow the 'royal law' of loving one's neighbor as oneself. How can you actively apply the message of this scripture in your daily life and interactions with others?
8. Why is it important for Christians to show mercy, love, and grace to others, regardless of their social status, educational background, or ethnicity?
9. David emphasized the need for Christians to reflect the teachings of Jesus by treating all individuals with love. Can you think of a situation in which it might be challenging to show love and grace to someone? How can you overcome that challenge and demonstrate the love of Christ?
10. How can partiality & favoritism within the church hinder its mission to lead people into a growing relationship with Jesus Christ?
11. How can cultivating qualities such as humility, care, selflessness, and obedience help us combat favoritism and discrimination in our own lives?
12. David encouraged us to become vessels of God's love and grace, reflecting on the importance of these qualities. What specific actions can you take to cultivate these qualities in your own life, and how do you think they will help you in treating others with equality?

