

February 4, 2018 – James 2:1-13 – “Faith Loves”

QUESTIONS

(*potential* discussion/conversation questions to use in your GGs this week)

1. How have you seen favoritism/discrimination play out towards others/you?
2. Think through your circle of friends, co-workers, neighbors, etc. in your life—people you would show partiality towards. Now think through people who you know or have met but wouldn't be your preference in who you would hang out with. What are some heart desires or idols lead us to show partiality? How can you fight partiality/favoritism?
3. James' immediate concern in this passage is partiality towards the rich and against the poor. How can IDC show compassion and serve the poor? How can you do this on an individual level?
4. In examining why we often show partiality, Tony spoke about idolizing others and that we counter that with worshipping Christ above all things (2:1). How do we cultivate fearing the Lord above others?
5. (re: #2 Example: Showing Favoritism in the assembly) We may not ask people to sit on the floor, but our partiality might come out in different ways. How can we (intentionally or unintentionally) show favoritism during corporate worship? What is one thing you can do to intentionally combat favoritism in our worship gatherings?
6. James calls favoritism/partiality evil (4:4b). What is your response to this statement? How do we often justify or excuse favoritism in our own hearts to make it seem less evil?
7. Why might it be easier for the “poor” or “those on the fringes of society” to be rich in faith?
8. As Christians, how should our worldview be different than the worlds, specifically regarding how we view the poor? What does it look like for us to honor the poor?
9. What does it look like for you (your family and your growth group) to apply God's grace, live with a kingdom worldview, practice real neighbor love, and reflect God's amazing mercy?