



GOSPEL | COMMUNITY | MISSION

August 29, 2021

James 2:1-13

“Welcoming”

QUESTIONS

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

1. James 2 commands us to not show favoritism based on mere external features. What are some common features that we can discriminate based on today?
 - What types of favoritism could be tempting for our church members to embrace? What external factors are you personally prone to show favoritism toward?
2. Verse 1 commands us to hold our faith in our Lord Jesus Christ, the Lord of glory, as we combat this particular sin. How does keeping our attention on the Lord's glory help us overcome the sin of partiality?
3. This passage specifically focuses on showing partiality against the poor. What are some ways we are guilty of dishonoring the poor today? Why is it sinful to give preferential treatment only to those who benefit us?
4. What does it look like to be a welcoming church today? What are the distinctive features you would find welcoming in a church fellowship?
 - How do we ensure we are not just preaching the gospel but also displaying the gospel relationally?
 - How does this passage apply to being welcoming in a growth group setting?
5. How can you personally take part in making IDC a welcoming church? What can you do this week to grow in this area of responsibility? How can you better welcome others with the warmth with which Christ has welcomed you?
6. Tony highlights four motivations for pursuing gospel-centered impartiality, describing it as a reflection of God's grace (v. 5), His kingdom (v.5-7), His royal law (v.8-12), and His mercy (v.13). Discuss each of these motivations and how they can help us grow in this area.