

DISCUSSION GUIDE

WEEK 5 - JULY 29, 2020

JAMES 2:1-13 FAITH & FAVORITISM

I. James prohibits favoritism for two reasons:

1) _____.

2) What we believe about _____.

II. _____ is not only about what we say, but also what we _____.

III. What is favoritism?

To base one's _____ on _____ circumstances and not personal merits, and to prefer or see as more _____ one who is rich, high born or powerful.

IV. Two More Reasons Against Favoritism

Practicing favoritism turns us into _____.

Favoritism is contrary to the way _____.

1 Corinthians 1:27: "God chose the foolish things of the world to shame the wise;
God chose the weak things of the world to shame the strong."

V. The Remedy for Favoritism: Keep the Royal Law (James 1:8)

The royal law is based on _____ not favoritism.

KOINONIA QUESTIONS:

- Have someone read 1 Corinthians 12:12-14. How does this passage help us understand why James is opposed to favoritism?
- Can you think of a time when you were helped by someone who was "poor" from the material perspective, but "rich" in faith?
- Why is it important to keep God's mercy in mind as we interact with other people?