



DIGGING DEEPER

James 2v1-13 – Faith and Favouritism

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GETTING STARTED

How would you define the words 'favouritism' and 'discrimination'. Give examples of what favouritism is and isn't...

1) THE INSTRUCTION (v1)

Talk about James' gentleness and firmness in v1... (See also Lev 19v15 / Deut 10v17-19)

How is the example of Peter in Acts 10v34-35 helpful in applying this instruction?
Note – was Peter previously living in line with what he knew?

2) THE ILLUSTRATION (v2-4)

Chat through the illustration and how it helps us understand the instruction in v1...

I doubt we've ever told anyone to sit on the floor in church before but how does the illustration apply to you / me today?

3) THE IMPACT (v5-7)

How do the 4 questions that James asks in these few verses help to drive home the teaching?

4) THE INVITATION (v8-13)

Why do you think James calls it the royal law? Why is it important we have Luke 10v25-37 in view as well as Mt 22v34-40?

How serious is the sin of favouritism? (v9-10) Do we treat it that seriously?

How can the law, judge and also give freedom? (v12-13)

What's the one big challenge for you to take away, pray about and act upon?

Meditate on the words of Jesus below...

Mt 22v39: 'Love your neighbour as yourself.'