

BIG CHANGE JAMES

Forget Favoritism/Personify Faith

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James 2:8-9 If you really keep the royal law found in Scripture, "Love your neighbor as yourself," you are doing right. But if you show favoritism, you sin and are convicted by the law as lawbreakers.

James 2:14 What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if someone claims to have faith but has no deeds?

Forget Favoritism: James 2:1-13

- James warns us of the dangers of showing _____ to some and _____ to others (vs. 1-7)

- We are not called to be _____ of people but _____ of the royal law, "Love your neighbor as yourself." (vs. 8-13)

 - "Don't let your _____ to be right override your _____ to be kind." – Natasha Lidberg

Personify Faith: James 2:14-26

- James reminds us that faith without _____ is useless. Faith plays _____ not _____. (vs. 14-19)

- True faith is always a _____ and _____ faith. It does not stop with confessing Jesus as _____, but also submitting to His _____ and following Him as _____. (vs. 20-26)

 - Zacchaeus & Jesus: Luke 19:1-10

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City Group Discussion Guide:

1. Read James 2:1-13. What are some ways we show favor to people? What are some ways we dis people?
2. Why does James strongly encourage us to love each other as we love ourselves?
3. At the end of verse 13, James says, "Mercy triumphs over judgement." He is warning us to not become judgmental against people but instead show mercy. Why is this so important for us to understand as Christ followers?
4. Read James 2:14-26. Why is James absolutely convinced that faith without works is meaningless?
5. James is essentially telling us that it is not enough to just acknowledge Jesus as Savior, but we have to follow Him as Lord. This puts faith as an action, as well as a belief. What are some practical ways we can live our faith out loud?
6. What is something fun in your life that others clearly know you are passionate about without having to ask you? Now think about your faith in Jesus. Can others clearly see your passion for your faith without having to ask you?
7. Read Luke 19:1-10. What stands out to you most about this story of Zacchaeus and Jesus?
8. Have you ever thought about how your kindness towards others could spark a ripple effect? Do you have an example of someone who inspired you to do something for someone else?
9. What would our world look like if we saw people the way Jesus sees them? What would the church look like if we lived our faith on offense?