



Life Group Discussion Guide
Faith in Practice

How does faith work when you encounter different people? - James 2:1-13

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Main thought:

How we treat people who are different from us is a key indicator of real faith in practice. The critical questions are: Do your actions genuinely reflect the nature of God? Do you follow the command “to love your neighbor as yourself”? And do you understand the judgement you will ultimately face in regards to your speech and actions?

Ice-Breaker

- What was your favorite breakfast cereal as a kid? What is your favorite breakfast food now?

Verse of the week

- What is a verse or truth from God’s Word that has stood out to you this week from your own personal Bible reading?

Digging In

Read or recap James 2:1-13, and discuss the following questions.

- What stood out to you from this passage?
- What is the main command? Why do we need to address this? (v.1)
- James gives an illustration of how prejudice can show up even in a worship service. How have you seen prejudice or favoritism show up either at church or elsewhere? (vv. 2-4)
- Why do we show favoritism to people? What motivates our speech & action?
- It’s easy for us to show favoritism to people who we think will serve us.
- Who can you serve without expecting something in return?
- What does it mean to show mercy over judgment?
- Why is it important for us to do this? (vv. 12-13)

Application

- What key encouragement or take-away will you apply from the passage this week?

Praying as a group

- How can we be praying for each other this week?