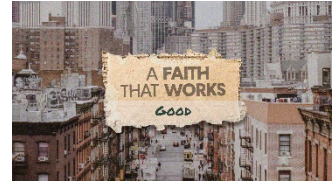


James: A Faith that Works

Good

James 4:11-17

Pastor Chris Lenhart - 11/3/24



Opening Thought Questions:

- A. How does bitter jealousy, selfishness, boasting, and lying directly contribute to the fractures and divisions within the church?
- B. How can disciples of Jesus, avoid arrogance and self-reliance, embodying humility instead, as we submit to God's divine rule and reign?

Not a Judge (11-12)

But a Vapor (13-16)

Do Good (17)

James' Exposition on that which is "Good"

Chapter 1 -

Chapter 2-

Chapter 3-

Chapter 4-

Practicing good at the ballot box...

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Further Study

Matthew 5-7

Matt. 7:1
Gal. 5:13
Phil. 2:3

Is. 40:6b-8

Next Week: James-A Faith that Works "Generous" 5:1-6

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<p style="text-align: center;">James: A Faith that Works</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Good</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Next Steps: Home-Group Study and/or Personal Discipleship Guide</p>	<p>Jms. 4:11-17</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Get together as a family or with a friend or group of friends this week!</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Start with <u>Prayer</u> -ask Jesus to guide our time together. Go over prayer requests together.</p> <p><u>Read the Text</u> – James 4:11-17</p> <p><u>Questions for Reflection & Discussion:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. In verse 11 we are encouraged to avoid speaking against or speaking evil against fellow believers. If this kind of speech directly contributes to the fractures and divisions that exist within the church, why is it so hard for us to avoid it? 2. Verse 12 sets up a distinction between our judgments and the just and righteous judgments of God. How are our judgments against one another often unhelpful, unrighteous, and unjust? When might it be good and right for believers to make judgments regarding other believers? How do we distinguish between righteous judgment, and judging as James has described it here? 3. What sinful attitudes and behaviors are at work within us, and within our communities, when we develop and make our own plans without first submitting our plans and desires to God? Why is it dangerous and unloving for us to, “run ahead of God?” 4. How does James define sin (vs. 17)? What habits does God use to form our knowledge of the “right thing to do?” 5. Keeping verse 17 within the context of James. Reflect on the first 4 chapters of James. Discuss or journal about what James has already identified as, “good” in each chapter. 6. <u>Bonus Question:</u> Intentionally keeping political partisanship out of the discussion, reflect on or journal about the feelings that you have experienced this week. How have you experienced God at work in your own heart and mind? What reminders have been hopeful and helpful to you? <p><u>Questions guiding Spiritual Formation & Application:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How does this text invite us to grow in a greater love for God? 2. What lessons within this text move us towards growing in our love for one another? 3. What principles could be applied to our family life, careers, communities, or congregational life? 4. Consider how Jesus could use our application of the principles in this text to draw those that do not know him, unto himself? 5. Who is currently in our lives that needs an invitation to meet Jesus or be part of a kind and gracious Christian community? 	<p><u>Further Study</u> Matthew 5-7 Matt. 7:1 Gal. 5:13 Phil. 2:3 Is. 40:6b-8</p> <p><u>Prayer Requests</u></p> <p>Family</p> <p>Church</p> <p>Community</p> <p>Career/Friends</p> <p>Other</p>