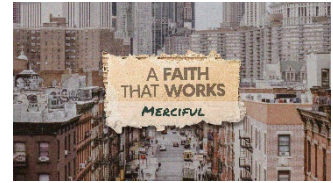


James: A Faith that Works

Merciful

James 2:1-13

Pastor Chris Lenhart - 9/22/24



Opening Thought Question:

As we hold to our faith, how can we testify to Jesus, the Lord of glory?

Eliminate Prejudice (1-4)

5 ways our prejudice makes us like judges with evil motives...

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.

Further Reflection: Compare James 1:19-2:26 to Matthew 7

Show Honor to All (5-7)

James anticipates the responses to his 3 questions will be _____.

Do Well in Love (8-11)

Prejudice violates the royal law of _____ and when we practice it, we sin against _____ and one _____.

Let Mercy Triumph (12-13)

Which one, merciful or judgmental, best defines and describes _____?

When mercy triumphs in our lives, mercy is greater than (>)

- Mercy > _____
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Personal study: Read Luke 15 and consider God's mercy

Next Week: James - A Faith that Works: Productive (2:14-26)

Further Study

Matthew 5-7

Matt. 7
Acts 10:34-35
Rom. 2:11

Rom. 13:8-10
Gal. 5:14
1 Pet. 1:13-25

Luke 15

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<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 2:1-13</p> <p><u>Questions for Reflection & Discussion:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What is it about showing prejudice or partiality, that is so inconsistent and incompatible with the life of a follower of Jesus? 2. In verses 2-4, how does James illustrate partiality being shown by a congregation of believers? Is there any way that you recognize, or are aware of prejudice being shown in Christian congregations today? What does James suggest our role should be in eliminating prejudice from within our congregations? 3. In verse 4, James suggests that those who show prejudice are acting as judges with evil motives. How does he further develop this case in verses 5-7? What are some realities that all of humanity share in? Why are we so quick to make distinctions? 4. In verse 12, how does James encourage his congregation to speak and act? How does practicing prejudice and being unwilling to show mercy make us speak and act as those who will be judged by a law of condemnation rather than a law of freedom? 5. How might we know that mercy is triumphing over judgment in the patterns, behaviors, and attitudes of our day-to-day lives? <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></p> <p>Matthew 5-7 Matt. 7 Acts 10:34-35 Rom. 2:11 Rom. 13:8-10 Gal. 5:14 1 Pet. 1:13-25 Luke 15</p> <p><u>Prayer Requests</u></p> <p>Family</p> <p>Church</p> <p>Community</p> <p>Career/Friends</p> <p>Other</p>