

Faith Produces Merciful Love – James 2:1-13

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People of faith see _____ as God does.

- Matthew 5:3-12; 1 Corinthians 1:26-31; 2 Corinthians 8:9

The cure for _____ is the “royal law.”

- Leviticus 19:15-18; Mark 12:28-31

Judgment by the law leaves everyone _____.

- Ecclesiastes 7:20; Romans 3:23; 1 John 1:8

Freedom from guilt is a gift of God’s _____.

- Ephesians 2:1-5

Those who have received mercy, _____ mercy.

- Matthew 6:14-15

Questions for Further Discussion:

(Great for Life Groups, family devotionals, or with a friend)

1. We often gravitate toward people who are most like us. Over time, this behavior can lead to mistrust, discrimination, and prejudice toward those we perceive as being unlike us. In Christian community we are called to celebrate what we have in common and see beyond our differences. Rank the following differences from 1 to 5 on your ability to engage and interact with someone... (1=really easy, 5=really hard)

- Of a different race or ethnicity
- Who has a different educational background
- Who is at a different financial status
- Who holds different religious beliefs
- Who looks different (hair, fashion, body art, etc.)
- Who is in a different political party
- Who is from a different culture
- Who has different views on divisive social issues
- Who is differently abled than yourself (physically or mentally)
- Who lives by vastly different morals & values
- Who has different ideas about health, diet, fitness
- Who is in a different age group
- Who has different tastes (books, music, hobbies)

(Adapted from The Book of James Bible Study, Rose Pub.)

2. Consider your answers. Which relationships/interactions are hardest and which are easiest? Are there patterns? How have you shown favoritism at times? What can you do to overcome the biases you have toward some people?
3. What does it look like to live as one who will be judged by the law that gives freedom?
4. When have you seen mercy triumph over judgment? What’s the connection between showing mercy and receiving mercy?