



STUDY GUIDE FOUR – FROM SERMON ON OCTOBER 5

God's kingdom looks different from the world around us. While society often values wealth, status, and appearance, James reminds us that true faith sees everyone through the lens of God's love. In this passage, we'll explore why favoritism has no place in the life of a believer and how mercy triumphs over judgment. As we study, let's ask God to shape our hearts to reflect His impartial, gracious love.

READ JAMES 2:1-7 TOGETHER

What does James say about showing favouritism? Why is it incompatible with faith in Jesus Christ (v. 1)?

In verses 2–4, James uses the example of favouring a rich person over a poor person. What modern situations might look similar today?

How does favouritism reveal wrong motives in our hearts? What does it say about how we view others?

READ JAMES 2:8-11 TOGETHER

James calls “love your neighbor as yourself” the royal law (v. 8). Why is love the standard for how we treat others?

How does showing favouritism break this law of love? Why is it so serious in God's eyes?

James reminds us that breaking one part of God's law makes us guilty of breaking all (vv. 10–11). How does this challenge a “small sins don't matter” mindset?

READ JAMES 2:12-13 TOGETHER

What does it mean to “speak and act as those who will be judged by the law that gives freedom” (v. 12)?

Verse 13 says “mercy triumphs over judgment.” What does this teach us about God's character and how we should treat others?

How can we reflect God's mercy in our relationships this week?

WRAPPING IT UP

Where do you see favouritism creeping into your life—at work, church, or with friends? How can you change this pattern?

How does remembering God's mercy toward you help you extend mercy to others?

What is one practical way you can demonstrate Christlike love to someone often overlooked?

Close your time together by praying for one another.