

NO FAVORITISM IN JESUS CHRIST

James 2:1-13

Key verse 1

Discussion questions:

- Can you identify elements of favoritism among Christians and in our community?
- How can we overcome favoritism?

Inductive study questions:

1. What is the significance of James' calling them "believers in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ"? (1) What problem did James address in the church? Why was it easier for Christians to show favoritism for the rich over the poor? (2-3) Why would it be evil thoughts? (4)
2. How does God consider the poor? (5) How did the believers and the rich treat the poor? (6-7) Why is it dishonorable before God?
3. What is the royal law for the believers? (8) Why is favoritism a serious offence against the law? (9-11)
4. What should be the basis of Christians' speech and action? (12) Why? (13) What does "Mercy triumphs over judgment" mean?