

The River Church
50/50 Bible Study Challenge - Week 47

James 2

Memory Verse: James 2:1 My brothers and sisters, believers in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ must not show favoritism. (NIV)

Talking points:

In Verses in 1-4, it talks about favoritism. What does it mean to show favoritism? What are some of the motivations behind favoritism? In what ways might believers show favoritism in the church today?

In verses 5-7 It talks about rich exploiting poor so should we need to show special attention to the poor and not to the rich?

In verse 8, “love your neighbor as yourself” is a royal law, why is this law royal?

Read verses 9-13

In verse 9, Why is favoritism or prejudice often overlooked as a sin?

What does James mean when he says we will be judged by the law that gives freedom?

What does James mean when he says, “mercy triumphs over judgment” in verse 13?

Read verses 14-26

Doesn't James 2:18 contradict Paul in Romans 3:28 when he writes, man is justified (saved) by faith without the deeds (works) of the law?

What is the point of verse 19 where James says that even the demons have faith?

Was Abraham and Rahab saved by faith or works? What's wrong with having faith without deeds?