

A.L.I.V.E. Bible Study
Date: July 5, 2023
James 2:1-13

1. What instruction does James give believers in 2:1? _____

2. What does it mean to show favoritism?
 - a. To get along with some people better than others.
 - b. Paying special attention to people with nicer clothes and jewelry...or people that we have more in common with.
 - c. Giving seats of honor to people in the church who are more wealthy or influential in this world and a worse seat (or not seat) to others who are not (see verse 3).
 - d. Only hanging out with people who are like you or can bring you benefit.
3. What, according to verse 4, are we doing if we are showing favoritism?
 - a. Discriminated among ourselves.
 - b. Become judges with evil thoughts.
4. Did Jesus ever talk about this (see Luke 14:12-14)? Yes_____ No_____
Explain how this might look in our lives. _____
How many people who are well dressed and stylish do you greet in church? _____

- How many of our homeless church members and attendees do you shake hands with when you come to church? _____
5. What does James say about the poor in the eyes of the world, according to 2:5? _____

6. What does James say we do by showing favoritism, according to 2:6? _____

7. What does James say, in 2:8-9, that we are not doing if we show favoritism?
 - a. It's not really a big deal, everybody likes people that can bring benefit to them.
 - b. Failing to keep the royal law (greatest commandment) found in scripture.
 - c. We sin and are convicted by the law as lawbreakers.
8. What does James say about us if we keep the whole law, but falter on one command?
 - a. At least you kept everything else.
 - b. If you keep the whole law, but stumble on one point, you are guilty of breaking the whole thing
9. How does James say to speak and act, according to 2:12?
 - a. Act like you are under grace and everything you do won't matter.
 - b. Speak and act as those who are going to be judged by the law that gives freedom.

How might you change the way you treat and interact with people after reading this text?