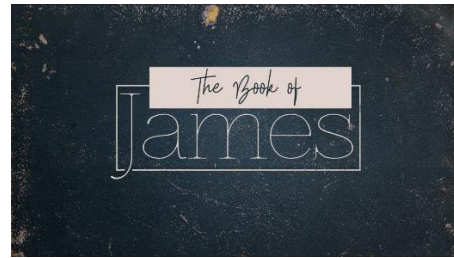


Eastridge Church
Sermon Study Questions

James: The Way Jesus' People Can Rise Above

Week 4: Being Christian, Now

Passage: James 2:1-13



Conversation Starter:

What Fall activity do you enjoy the most?

Re-read James 2:1-13

In this passage James does not dance around his point: don't show favoritism based on appearances. *How do you see this type of favoritism play itself out in the culture around you? How have you seen this play out in the church? How can we as a church guard against showing favoritism?*

Pastor Dwain pointed out how God has a soft spot for those in need (Psalm 82:3; Psalm 113:7). 2020 has been a very difficult year for most of us and the most poor and vulnerable around us feel that impact the most. *What are some practical ways that you can give of your time, talents, or treasure to help the most vulnerable around you?*

An important point in this message is that as believers, we are "rich in faith" regardless of our socio-economic status. This is very important for all believers to remember about themselves, but also about every other believer that is around them. *How should remembering this impact the way that we treat fellow believers?*

Finally, James closes out verse 13 with the statement "Mercy triumphs over judgement." For the world around us, this statement would seem naïve at best and at worst a bold-faced lie. *How would you explain to a non-believer how Jesus made this statement to be true?*

Close your time in prayer. Ask that God would reveal any areas in your life where you struggle with partiality and that He would help you to remember that He loves all of His children the same and we should do like-wise.

Resources to dig deeper:

[A Christian Manifesto](#) by Francis Schaeffer