

Playing Favorites?
James 2:1-13

1. _____ > Mercy = Favoritism – v. 1

2. _____ > Judgment = Love – vv. 2-13

He has told you, O man, what is good;
and what does the LORD require of you
but to do justice, and to love kindness,
and to walk humbly with your God? - Micah 6:8 (ESV)

To Go

1. Ask God to help you identify who you are judging to favor another.
2. Memorize Micah 6:8
3. Identify and spend time with someone you would normally overlook.

At Home Study Guide

For the week of September 24, 2017

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This fall we will consider the book of James and its application to us today. As you study the passage, look beyond your notes to glean more truth from this passage by using these questions, so that you know God better!

Context: What has James already said about the rich and poor in chap. 1 (see 9-11, 27)? Why would people show favoritism?

Observation: Why does he connect favoritism with faith? Why would people think partiality is not that important of a sin to worry about, as James seems to indicate?

Meaning: James is not nit-picking. What makes this an important sin to consider according to verses 8-13?

Application: Which “neighbors” are hardest for you to love? What can you do to show mercy and love to others who are hard to love?