

Living the Way: A study of the book of James
February 1, 2026 Discussion Guide
Scripture reading: James 2:1-13

CHECK UP:

*Memory Work: Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says.
– James 1:22

*How did you change your actions this past week to match your talk?

OPEN:

- What was a highlight in your week this past week? What was a particular challenge you had?
- How did you mature individually, hold on to another believer, or go make an impact this past week?

READ and DISCUSS: James 2:1-13

- What practical example did James use to illustrate how favoritism was practiced in the church?
- For what reasons might a person think he or she is more important than another person?
- In what ways have you been a victim of favoritism or prejudice?
 - How have you shown favoritism or prejudice towards other people?
- What does the church do to the poor person when it shows favoritism toward the rich?
- What does a person have to do to be considered a lawbreaker?
- Why would God condemn us as lawbreakers if our sins are only “minor” ones, such as prejudice?

APPLY:

- In what practical ways can we show genuine love to people of different races, cultures, and economic standing?
 - NEXT STEP: How can you change the way you look at wealth this week so that you value it as God does?

Memory Work:

My brothers and sisters, believers in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ must not show favoritism.
- James 2:1

Next Week's Reading:

James 2:14-26