

Small Group Homework – 4/28/2019

James, Lesson #3

The Pressure of Partiality

James 2

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Who was the most popular kid in your high school and why?

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1. Today we will be discussing what the Bible says about favoritism. The negative of this is prejudice. Who are groups society sometimes shows prejudice toward? We think of race, and that is one right answer. What are some other groups?
2. Verse 2. What is the significance of the gold ring?
3. What are some ways our society distinguishes between classes of people?
4. In Rome, the highest flyers were the six hundred or so senators who ran things under Caesar. Under them came the equestrians—originally a class wealthy enough to own horses for military affairs (the idea being that a mode of transportation could be a status symbol). Then were the decurians—wealthy citizens who occupied government offices and priesthoods.
5. What about in church world—what are some ways we separate people into groups of the in crowd and the outsiders?
6. C.S Lewis has an article on the inner ring. When you were in High School, who was in the inner ring? <http://www.lewissociety.org/innerring.php>

7. Why do you humans create the inner ring? <http://www.lewissociety.org/innerring.php>
8. Why does this matter? Is the inner ring a bad thing? <http://www.lewissociety.org/innerring.php>
9. Imagine you were casting these two people in a movie. Who would you choose for the actor of the rich one and who for the poor one?
10. Do you think they would actually asked people to sit on the floor?
11. What is the most outrageous expression of prejudice you have personally witnessed?
12. Ever seen the opposite—a remarkable example of someone breaking with prejudice to act like a real Christian?
13. Have you ever felt like an outsider? What did that feel like? Who has a story?
14. Verse 17. How important is this issue? Is this a heaven or hell issue?
15. Read over James 2.14 – 26 silently. What role do works have in our salvation?
16. Verse 19. Why is believing in God not enough?
17. Are works required for us to be saved?
18. Is this saying we are saved by works?

19. How would you explain the relationship between faith and works?

20. What do you want to recall from today's conversation?

21. How can we support one another in prayer this week?