

A Study Guide to James 2:1-13 (Session 4)

First Baptist Peddie Church

1. Pray for wisdom from the Holy Spirit for understanding God's Word.

2. Read James 2:1-13 aloud slowly several times.

3. Observe

1. Mark any words or phrases that stand out.
2. Write down any questions that arise from the text.
3. Notice the different ways James speaks about the law in 2:1-13.
4. What are some of the unresolved tensions in the text?

4. Watch the Video Lesson on YouTube

5. Interpret / Live out the Word

1. If you were the poor in filthy old clothes (2:2), how would you want to be treated?
2. In what ways do you show favoritism to those who have money, status, and power?
3. How can you overcome the temptation to receive people based on their external appearance?
4. How can being "poor in the eyes of the world" be a blessing (2:5)?
5. What are the pros and the cons (challenges) of belonging to an ethnically and socioeconomically diverse congregation?
6. Why do you think James emphasizes that breaking one law is just as serious as breaking the whole law (2:9-11)?
7. Write down the ways God has been merciful to you (2:13). How can you be a channel of such mercy to others, especially to whom it is difficult to be merciful?
8. What is the one thing you would like to work on from the insights you gained?

6. Memorize (use your preferred translation)

(James 2:1 NIV)

My brothers [and sisters], as believers in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ, don't show favoritism.