

Back to Basics – Learning to be a Servant of God Read James 2:1-13

Favoritism

In your younger years where do you think you were on the popularity scale of 1-10?

Command: What command does James give in verse 1?

Partiality: What example of partiality in the church does James give in verses 2-4?

Culture: How do we show partiality in our own culture?

Do you think we idolize people?

Think about the term we just used – idol/idolize – has an individual ever become that for you? To which level – respected, revered or godlike or something in between?

In our North American culture sometimes the word idol is used in reference to sports figures, politicians, the wealthy or others as people we respect or revere? What drives that?

How do you think you would react if one of your “idols” walked into FRC some Sunday morning?

Life: How have you recently shown partiality to someone in your own life?

Mercy: What place does mercy have in this conversation about favoritism? What does mercy look like in your life, in your neighborhood and generally in Sioux Falls to show mercy instead of judgment?

Snap judgments: Would you say that you are good at first impressions? Have you ever made a snap judgment against someone based on a first impression? Were you ever proven wrong?

Does FRC show partiality? How so?

We become more inclusive when we act more inclusively.

What might stop you from approaching someone you don't know at FRC some Sunday morning and introducing yourself? Does that excite you or make you nervous? Are you willing to take that chance?