‘Cultivate’ – a letter from James – Chapter 2:1-13 - SG Q’s 9/25

Pray together!

Ice Breaker Question: What is the first thing you typically notice about people?

Read James 2:1-13

1. Who is James writing this letter to?
2. Who are the people James is comparing in the first verses?
   1. Who would these people be today?
   2. Who do we hold partiality to in the church today?
   3. Who do you hold partiality to outside the church?
3. Why do people show favoritism?
   1. Why do you think James had to explain these actions?
   2. How do people show favoritism/partiality in the church?
4. What does James mean by “made distinctions among yourselves and become judges of evil thought”?
5. What does verse 5 tell us about God?
   1. How do you think this verse is telling us to behave?
6. What do you think James is saying in Verse 7?
   1. Has your name ever been blasphemed?
7. What is the royal law?
   1. Why is it called the royal law?
8. According to James, what happens if we show partiality/favoritism?
   1. Does this seem harsh?
   2. Is it possible not to show favoritism?
9. What does verse 10 tell us about God?
   1. How/why are we guilty of all of it?
   2. Why is James letting his readers know about their failures?
   3. What does failure mean to you?
   4. What does failure do to you?
10. What is the law of liberty, and why is this important?
11. Why is mercy so important?
    1. When have you been shown mercy?
    2. When have you shown mercy?

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