Grow Group Study

The Epistle (Letter) of James – Chapter 2

Up to this point we have looked at the test of faith.

Now we will see the shift to the characteristics of faith.

# Chapter 2

**1. Vs.1** Partiality means to respect one person over another based on outward circumstances.

**a).** Have you ever felt like you were treated like a second class citizen? Give an example. How did it make you feel?

How do we as Christians, if we’re not careful, treat one another with partiality? Give some examples

**b).** What do you think it means to *"judge with evil thoughts"* in vs.4? Give examples.

**2. Vs.5** What can we conclude about the emphasis God places on the spiritual versus the natural, **ie).** What does it mean to be "rich in faith", and an "heir of the kingdom", as opposed to rich in finances?

**3.** **Vs.10** what can you say to those who feel they are "good enough" because they haven't done any "big sins"?

**4.** **Vs.13** Define mercy and determine what "mercy triumphs over judgment" means?

**a).** How does our faith in God’s mercy triumph over discrimination and prejudice?

**5. Vs.12** says, *"So speak and so do".* **Read verses 14 through to 26** expounds on this phrase by teaching us that faith is characterized by a corresponding action.

**a).** James has just finished dealing with the aspect of transgressing the law.**(vs.10-13)**

He then goes on to teach us that faith doesn't just know what to do, it does it.

**b).** Do **James 2:20-24** and **Eph.2:8-9** contradict one another? Why or why not?

**c).** Give examples of how we can demonstrate our faith. Please understand that faith and love work together. **Gal.5:6,** *“…but faith working through love.”*