



CONNECT GROUP GUIDE

“Favoritism” Week 5: James 2:1-13

Read passage together.

James hits us pretty hard talking about the sin of favoritism. This could also include racism, partiality or prejudice. James really calls us out and steps on our toes, but before he does this he starts us off the same way he did last week--reminding us of who we are in Christ. James calls us Brothers.

Read Matthew 12:46-50.

Jesus pointed to his disciples and said here are my brothers. A disciple of Jesus Christ is a believer who follows Jesus, learns from him, and tries to be like him. Discipleship is a process of growing in Jesus Christ and becoming more Christlike.

Questions

1. Who are brothers (sisters) of Jesus?
2. Who is a disciple?
3. What is God's will? (Hint: 1 Timothy 2:4)

As believers we should not play favorites nor should we be prejudice. That word “prejudice” simply means to pre-judge someone by what you see. Connection Church Wilco exists to connect ALL people to a growing relationship with Jesus. This means rich people and broke people, democrat and republican people, red, yellow, black and white people, free people and in prisoned people, old people and young people, SAVED PEOPLE AND LOST PEOPLE.

We are for ALL people.....Why? Because God is for ALL people to come into relationship with Him.

Questions:

1. Have you ever been “pre-judged”?
2. Have you ever “pre-judged” someone?
3. What condition did Jesus find you in?
4. What is the Greatest Commandment?

Read 1 John 4:20.

If you don't love people, then you really don't love God. James says, “If you really keep the royal law found in Scripture, “Love your neighbor as yourself,” you are doing right. But if you show favoritism, you sin and are convicted by the law as lawbreakers.”

Questions:

1. What is God's will for us?
2. Who are our neighbors?

The Gospel always demands a response. God's will is for us to love Him and love others--To know Him and make Him known. Knowing this, who your neighbor is, and what condition Jesus found you in, what do you intend on doing now?

Important announcements:

- Recovery Jam is Sept 29th, at 4pm. It will be located at the Toombsboro Park. Please get the word out. Share Facebook image and T-shirt link. T-shirts are \$20.
- Invite 3 unchurched people to church this week! Live on mission!