



Sermon Discussion Questions
Sunday, September 28, 2025

“The Problem of Partiality”

James 2: 1-13

Pastor Charles Godwin

1. What was new, different, or challenging from this message?
2. Why is the Book of James sometimes described as “New Testament Wisdom Literature”?
3. Interact with the following: *“I know I’m supposed to love all but I’m just not close to people who don’t share my priorities or do life like I do.”*
4. Discuss the following: *“We must respect all of the poor: those who are poor in personality – the dull, the complaining; those who are poor in mind – the slow, the uneducated; those who are poor in body – the wrinkled, the bald, and the overweight. In short, we should honor poor students who bristle with potential, and we should honor unskilled laborers who will probably stay poor. In the gospel, God honors every son and daughter who believes in him. The church is a family, not a club, and favoritism has no place in a family.”*
5. What are your most common sources of counterfeit righteousness, and how do these tempt or cause you to judge others or keep you from loving others who aren’t “righteous” in this way?
6. In what ways is partiality a problem for you? How might you push back against it in you?
7. Where do you think we sin or are tempted to sin as a church in this area?
8. What does it mean to you that God is not a respecter of persons?
9. Close by praying for one another and our church re: the sin of partiality.