

# The Book

## of James

### LEADER CONVERSATION GUIDE—WEEK THREE

#### MAIN IDEA

James 2 says we must not show favoritism, but, instead, love our neighbor as ourselves. The enemy wants to divide the Church, and we need to be intentional and diligent to preserve our unity. We have to fight together against division.

#### MAKE IT PRACTICAL

- We must change the way we see, and look at others from the inside out. We are all made by the same Father, in His image. We need to see that we are one in Him!
- We must change the way we speak, and speak words of honor and life to others. We cannot allow favoritism to determine what we say to and about other people.
- We must change the way we feel about others. We need to grow in love for all people, and extend mercy to those who need it. Remember: “Mercy triumphs over judgement.”

**“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.”**

*JAMES 2:8-9*

#### TALK ABOUT IT

1. What are some ways you have shown favoritism or experienced the negative effects of favoritism in your life? Why is it important to look at others from the inside out?
2. Talk about what kind of language divides us and what kind unites us. How can you use your words to promote unity in your home, church, and community?
3. What does it mean to show love without judgment? Talk about some practical ways we can love our neighbors as ourselves.

**“OUR HEAVENLY FATHER HAS NO FAVORITES.”**

## PRAYER

Father, thank You for making us one in You. Give us Your perspective and Your heart for others so we can be quick to extend love and mercy in every situation. Help us to never favor one person over another, but to love our neighbors as ourselves. Give us awareness and strength to resist the attacks of the enemy that would divide us, and empower us to fight for unity together, in Jesus' Name.

## LEADER TIPS

- Your group members may start to open up more this week. Ask the Holy Spirit to be present and pave the way for safe spaces and open conversations.
- Submit your roster in your Small Groups Dashboard.